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342-year reign ends with the words: 'I wish honourable members well'

Bombs mark the final day of white rule

FROM INIGO GILMORE IN JOHANNESBURG AND MICHAEL HAMLYN IN CAPE TOWN

SUSPECTED white extremists stepped up their bombing offensive yesterday in a desperate attempt to forestall black rule in South Africa, but their efforts seemed doomed to failure as the white minority parliament met for the last time to vote itself out of power.

The Speaker of the House of Assembly ended white rule in Cape Town, where it began 342 years ago, with the simple statement: "I wish honourable members well." When parliament next assembles on May 6 to elect a new President it will be dominated by the black majority who have been excluded from the political process since the first European settlers arrived at the Cape of Good Hope in 1652.

A new constitution, providing for a multiracial administration, comes into effect at midnight tonight and the South African flag — a symbol of oppression for black Africans — will be lowered across the country.

There were at least seven bomb attacks across the country yesterday. The worst, in Germiston, east of Johannesburg, left at least ten people dead and 36 injured when a 200 lb car bomb exploded at a crowded taxi rank. Last night another bomb exploded in a black area of Pretoria and police said a number of people may have been killed.

Police questioned a white man in connection with the Johannesburg blast, but he was later released. They confirmed they were questioning several people in connection with the recent bomb attacks but they would not confirm whether the suspects were white. They insisted that no one had been arrested and no one was in custody.

The Johannesburg bomb exploded close to the local offices of the African National Congress and followed a similar explosion outside the ANC headquarters in the city on Sunday in which nine people were killed, including Susan Ann Keane, a provincial ANC candidate.

According to unconfirmed reports, a white man was seen fleeing the scene shortly before the explosion. Carl Niehaus, an ANC spokesman, said a white man apparently alighted from a minibus in a hurry at the scene of the explosion.

Obed Bapela, a local deputy secretary of the ANC, speaking at the scene of the killings, said a pick-up truck carrying at least four men wearing balaclavas had been spotted by an ANC security guard on Sunday night. He pointed out a taxi rank next to the ANC office, speculating that it may have been the intended target.

President de Klerk, addressing the white parliament in Cape Town for the last time, appealed for calm in the face of anti-election violence and urged South Africans to go to the polls. He vowed to protect voters in the elections and said police would crack down on those responsible for the bombings. "We are not going to allow the right wing or anybody else to delay this election," he said.

Yesterday Nelson Mandela, the ANC president, visited survivors of Sunday's bomb attack. He denounced the bombers as madmen and urged South Africans not to be frightened away from voting this week. "We are determined that the elections are going to go on," he told reporters in a ward of Hillbrow Hospital.

After yesterday's special sitting MPs ceased to be paid, and this morning at 7 am the polling stations around the country opened to begin electing a new assembly.

The extra one-day session was called to pass into law amendments to the new interim constitution which comes into force at midnight tonight. The amendments enshrine in the national constitution the position of the Zulu monachy in KwaZulu/Natal. They follow the last-minute agreement with the Inkatha Freedom Party just a week ago which persuaded the mainly Zulu party of Chief Mangosuthu Buthelezi to end its boycott of the election.

Prince Gideon Zulu, a cousin of King Goodwill Zwelithini, two ministers from the KwaZulu government, and four more Amakhosi (tribal chieftains), also draped in leopard skins and jackal tails, were in the distinguished strangers' gallery. They were in Cape Town said Prince Gideon, reading from a statement prepared by Chief Buthelezi, "to properly take up positions in parliament to enable them to witness the historic event of a South African parliament, for the first time since 1910, passing legislation to secure the interests of his majesty the king of the Zulus."

The Zulu VIPs heard, or almost heard, Roelf Meyer, the Constitutional Development Minister, introducing the debate on the new amendments. Mr Meyer, who at the best of times has a light voice, was virtually inaudible against the hubbub of MPs' conversation. Their hearts did not seem to be in their work, like managers of a company that has recently undergone a hostile takeover whose new owners will be on the premises shortly.

CORINNE DUFKA



Police sifting through the rubble yesterday in Germiston, Johannesburg, after a car bomb killed ten people

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Economy back to pre-slump levels

BY JANET BUSH
ECONOMICS CORRESPONDENT

BRITAIN has clawed back the ground lost during the recession and returned to the economic levels of four years ago, when punitive interest rates brought about a sharp plunge.

It has taken two years of recovery from the trough of 1992 to regain the recession's losses in production. Gross domestic product, the main measure of economic growth, grew 0.7 per cent in the first three months of this year, according to the Central Statistical Office, confirming that a steady if unspectacular recovery is continuing.

Kenneth Clarke, the Chancellor, who is in Washington for a meeting of the Group of Seven and the International Monetary Fund, said the economic figures were very good. Consumers were benefiting from low interest rates and companies' finances had been restored, improving the outlook for investment. "I have every confidence that this can be maintained," he added.

But Gordon Brown, shadow Chancellor, said the recovery had taken Britain "only back to where we started. We have had four lost years of growth."

The Central Statistical Office said yesterday that the total level of production of goods and services is back to that at the peak of the last economic cycle, at the beginning of 1990. But without the strong growth in North Sea activity, the economy is still 0.5 per cent below the peak and manufacturing output is between 4 and 5 per cent below pre-recession levels.

Many in the City still believe that the recovery could deteriorate because of the tax increases. Simon Briscoe, chief economist at brokers S.G. Warburg, said growth was not all that robust once North Sea oil and gas production was stripped out.

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Jobless face benefit curb

All those between 18 and 24 without work for 12 months will lose state benefits unless they attend four-week training courses as part of workfare-style plans under consideration by David Hunt, the Employment Secretary. He is understood to have said privately that he believes workfare is "an idea whose time has come" .....Page 2

Canoeist dies

The body of a woman canoeist was found yesterday in the River Cwmnantcol, at Llanbedr, near Barmouth, Gwynedd, after helicopters, police and a mountain rescue team went to her aid after she was spotted getting into difficulties at a waterfall. Her identity has not yet been released.

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Corporal receives Military Cross

BY MICHAEL EVANS, DEFENCE CORRESPONDENT

THE first Military Cross awarded outside officer ranks after the traditional two-level honours system was abolished in October has been given to a corporal for gallantry in Bosnia.

Corporal Paul Dobson, 37, from the Prince of Wales's Own Regiment of Yorkshire (PWO), which returned from a six-month tour of peacekeeping duties in November, was singled out for his courageous and distinguished service in Bosnia. He was section commander of the PWO and, according to his citation, was "continually exposed to danger". On June 1 last year, he was in a Warrior armoured vehicle supporting an aid convoy to Maglaj when the Serbs shelled civilian trucks waiting in a tunnel to the south of the town. Four civilians were killed.

Corporal Dobson "ignored the danger and checked the tunnel to see no casualties had been left. He then defied mortar bombs and anti-aircraft fire to recover two trucks left outside the tunnel".

In another incident, he found six frightened civilians trapped by heavy firing in a blazing apartment block in Novi Travnik, central Bosnia. He shielded an elderly Croat woman who panicked and ran into the open.

Major Graham Binns, 37, from the same regiment, has also been awarded the Military Cross. He was officer commanding B Company PWO in Gornji Vakuf when the town was gripped by some of the fiercest fighting between the Muslims and Croats. His company came under fire on many occasions.

The Military Cross was introduced on December 28, 1914 and, during the First World War, more than 37,000 were awarded. There were a further 2,900 first bars. Between the wars, about 350 Military Crosses were given out. In the second world war, 11,000 were awarded.



Major Binns: came under fire in Bosnia

US and Russia join pressure on Serbs

BY EVE-ANN PRENTICE AND PHILIP WEBSTER

BOSNIAN Serbs will have to withdraw from a "substantial" part of the land they occupy in the former Yugoslavia, Britain and America said yesterday, as a new forum for pressing for peace in Bosnia-Herzegovina was announced in London.

Russia, America, the European Union and the United Nations have formed a consultation group, which will meet at the Foreign Office for the first time today. The group, described as a "second tier" to the Geneva process mediated by Lord Owen and Thorvald Stoltenberg, the EU and UN negotiators, was announced after Warren Christopher, the US Secretary of State, met John Major, Douglas Hurd, the Foreign Secretary, and Alain Juppé, the French Foreign Minister, in a series of talks, while separate Foreign Office discussions were held with Charles Redman and Vitali Churkin, the special envoys from Washington and Moscow.

Britain also offered yesterday to take 50 of the wounded Muslims evacuated from Gorazde as Mr Hurd backed calls for Serb commanders responsible for atrocities in the designated "safe areas" to be brought to trial. The UN has already established a tribunal to decide whether war crimes have been committed in the war. Mr Hurd also gave a warning to the Bosnian Serbs not to doubt Nato's willingness to trigger air strikes.

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Eton head 'had fondness for drink and cane'

BY JOHN O'LEARY AND BEN PRESTON



Chevenix-Trench: book says he was pushed out

THE head master who liberalised Eton in the 1960s was forced to resign over his drinking and excessive beatings of boys, according to an insider's account. Old boys immediately rallied to the defence of Anthony Chenevix-Trench in a dispute that has divided the college.

Allegations that Chenevix-Trench was "pushed out" in 1970 because Eton's fellows feared that his fondness for alcohol and the cane might cause a scandal are made in an authorised history of the school by Tim Card, the vice-provost, the college's equivalent of a bursar.

Mr Card's book, *Eton Renewed*, suggests that a conspiracy of silence kept the real reasons for the head master's departure secret for almost a quarter of a century. At the time, Chevenix-Trench, who died in 1979, said: "The stress and strain on a head master have clearly increased."

The book, to be published next month, says that staff were embarrassed by Chenevix-Trench's drinking and that boys were beaten savagely in the head master's house. Mr Card said yesterday: "He was obviously affected by his time as a prisoner of war on the Burma railway, and comparatively little drink made him drunk. He slurred his words very easily." He says in the book: "Trench regarded corporal punishment not as the last resort, but almost as the first." Chenevix-Trench once remarked that it was "a good thing the NSPCC does not know anything about it".

The allegations have surprised many of those associated with Eton at the time. Nicholas Soames, the food minister, who was at Eton between 1963 and 1967, said he had never seen or heard of the head master being drunk or flogging boys. "I was beaten by almost everyone at Eton, but never by him," he said. "It sounds a particularly poisonous thing to say about someone." He admitted that he had few dealings with the head master.

He conceded that "beating was part of life at Eton" but said he did not believe Mr Card's story. "I never saw him tight. He seemed civil."

Peter Lawrence, a house master at Eton from 1951 to 1968, said he saw no evidence that Chenevix-Trench had a taste either for drink or for beating boys. He said: "He was a good head master of a smaller school, but was less able to cope with the problems of a larger one."

David Chenevix-Trench, a cousin, said that he found the allegations scarcely

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Schizophrenic freed from care arrested after stabbing

BY RICHARD FORD
HOME CORRESPONDENT

THE mother of a schizophrenic man arrested after a knife attack on a young woman gave a warning yesterday of the dangers of discharging psychiatric patients into the community.

Her son Paul Kehoe, 32, allegedly assaulted the woman with a Swiss army knife on Sunday, ten days after leaving hospital, where he had been detained for six months under the Mental Health Act.

Catherine Kehoe, 60, said: "Psychiatric care for my son is absolutely chaotic. There has been a familier pattern for some years. He is released from hospital, and community care doesn't work. Then he is readmitted again. It's a vicious circle.

Mr Kehoe, a former law undergraduate at Manchester University, has been receiving psychiatric treatment for 11 years since being admitted to Shenley hospital, near Radlett, Hertfordshire, in 1983. Since then he has been admitted to psychiatric hospitals or units on about 33 separate occasions.

Mr Kehoe was arrested at Holborn Underground station by armed police after he was found in a distressed condition. A doctor declared him unfit to be detained in police cells or questioned about the incident. Mr Kehoe was transferred to the secure unit at the Central Middlesex hospital.

Mr Kehoe was discharged from St Mary's hospital, Paddington, on April 14 and was due to be given an injection by a community psychiatric nurse yesterday. He had, according to the North West London mental health trust, been visited by a social worker once since his discharge to discuss his attendance at a drop-in centre. The Trust said in a statement that he had been discharged after six months in care and a successful period of day release. It said he had agreed to attend the day hospital at Central Middlesex hospital twice weekly. The decision to discharge Mr Kehoe had been taken by experienced clinical staff who saw no evidence that he was likely to be a danger to others.

Unemployed face workfare scheme by the autumn

BY NICHOLAS WOOD, CHIEF POLITICAL CORRESPONDENT

UNEMPLOYED people aged 18 to 24 who are without a job for a year or more face losing their state benefits unless they attend month-long training courses under workfare-style plans being considered by David Hunt, the Employment Secretary.

Mr Hunt, who this week will visit a project pioneering some of the ideas for linking benefits to work or training, is understood to have said privately that workfare is "an idea whose time has come".

The pilot training courses for those aged 18 to 24 were launched last month but Mr Hunt's ministerial colleagues are predicting that they will be put on a national footing by the autumn.

Peter Lilley, the Social Security Secretary, is another backer of workfare-type schemes and Michael Portillo, the Treasury Chief Secretary, is expected to study them closely as his review of Whitehall budgets extends this year to the employment department.

One senior ministerial source said: "In principle, the Government supports workfare, but the question remains, can we overcome the practical difficulties?"

Mr Hunt will be accompanied by Sir Ralph Howell, the backbench Tory champion of workfare, on his visit on Friday to the MP's Norfolk North constituency to study the first of several pilot projects. Sir Ralph said yesterday: "Mr Hunt has told me that he believes workfare, or right to work as I prefer to call it, is an idea whose time has come."

It was John Major's Carlton Club speech in February last year that put the idea on the agenda. The Prime Minister caused a storm by saying he wanted to explore ways of requiring activity from the jobless in return for their benefits. In recent weeks, pilot projects have begun, but ministers have said little for fear of triggering a fresh row so near the coming district and European elections.

The three projects that could prove forerunners are:

☐ Workwise and 1-2-1 — four-week training courses for 18 to 24-year-olds who have been jobless for at least a year. The courses, being run at a cost of £5.5 million in 11 regions of Britain, including London, Scotland and Wales, are aimed at galvanising demoralised young people into looking for work and polishing up their skills. Those who refuse to attend face the loss of 40 per cent of their benefits.

☐ Workstart — a cash subsidy for employers prepared to give a job to people who have been out of work for two to four years. Firms get £60 a week for the first six months hiring such an employee and £30 a week for the next six months. There are no immediate sanctions, but claimants who persistently refuse can be penalised under general benefit rules.



Ben Needham, left, and a computer image of how he might look today

Hopes rise in search for boy 'kidnapped' in Greece

FROM JOHN CARR IN ATHENS AND ANDREW PIERCE

POLICE have described the discovery of a child-trafficking ring in northern Greece as the most "important breakthrough" so far in the search for Ben Needham, the British child who vanished on a Greek island nearly three years ago.

Security police leading the hunt for four-year-old Ben, who disappeared on the Aegean island of Kos, were last night questioning five men arrested last week in Salonika on the Greek mainland.

The arrests followed tip-offs to a telephone hotline set up in February. A caller, who will only identify himself as Antonis, said Ben was living in the town of Katerini, near Salonika, with a 55-year-old man he called Nikos.

But police found that Nikos had already vanished. Neighbours recall a man who lived alone with a child.

The police, who believe Ben is alive and was a victim of a gipsy kidnapping, are hoping the child-selling gang will give them new leads. "It's a weird case and we are looking into the new evidence very carefully," said a senior police officer in Salonika. "This is the most positive sign yet."

Computer enhanced images of how Ben would look today, prepared by the Missing Persons' Bureau in London, will appear on holidaywear issued free to tourists in the Greek islands.

The gang was arrested after attempting to sell a 17-day-old baby to undercover police officers for £3,000. Ben's parents, Kerry Needham and Simon Ward, were waiting at their home in Sheffield for a telephone call from the British Consul in Athens. "We are not flying out until we get something more concrete," said Miss Needham, 23.

"We are trying hard not to get overexcited by the news. But we could be on the verge of the breakthrough we have prayed for. I think my boy is still alive and waiting for us."

Nine calls have been made to the hotline, including about six from Antonis who is demanding a £50,000 reward. He says that Ben has been renamed Andreas by Nikos.

Mr Douglas McKeller, the senior British consular official in Athens, said: "There is no concrete evidence leading this caller to the Needham case. While the arrest of the gang is a positive sign we don't want to raise the hopes of the Needham family."

Mayhew says IRA weak and isolated

BY NICHOLAS WATT
IRELAND CORRESPONDENT

THE IRA is facing increasing isolation throughout Ireland with every paramilitary attack, the Northern Ireland Secretary said yesterday.

Sir Patrick Mayhew, speaking at the Anglo-Irish intergovernmental conference in Belfast, condemned the murder by IRA gunmen of two Protestant men on Sunday night and said that violence would lead nowhere.

During the day it emerged that the Provisionals may have killed the wrong men. Senior RUC officers believe the three gunmen who murdered former soldier Alan Smith, 40, and John McCloy, 28, in Garvagh, Co Londonderry, were looking for someone else.

Sir Patrick said the community would gradually turn against the IRA. "Any rational person must know that mounting revulsion and an absolutely irreversible surge of opinion against violence is going to leave them more and more isolated and more and more weak."

Yesterday's meeting was chaired jointly by Sir Patrick and Dick Spring, Ireland's Deputy Prime Minister.

Mr Spring joined Sir Patrick in condemning the killings in Garvagh and added that he hoped that paramilitaries would see that they would achieve nothing with violence.

The IRA claimed the two men shot dead in Garvagh were Loyalist paramilitaries, but this was vigorously denied by relatives, friends, the Ulster Freedom Fighters and security sources.

Three men were arrested for questioning about the killings.

NEWS IN BRIEF

Rifkind extols value of more defence cuts

Another round of defence cuts will improve the capability of Britain's frontline forces, Malcolm Rifkind, the Defence Secretary, said yesterday. The aim was to enhance the fighting forces and save money. Mr Rifkind has been presented with 5,500 recommendations for cutting back on the support services by officials from the Defence Ministry, the Treasury and the private sector. The Royal Naval Staff College at Greenwich, south London, is among the ministry premises recommended for the axe. Mr Rifkind rejected Labour's claims that the cuts threaten Britain's security.

Today, Mr Rifkind will present the annual defence White Paper. Under the Government's Options for Change programme, the Army was due to be cut from 156,000 to 116,000. This is likely to be amended to 122,000. About 18,000 civilian and military posts might have to go to pay for the increase in army manpower.

Thatcher wins lawsuit

Baroness Thatcher received £200,000 compensation and unreserved apologies from *The Mail on Sunday* in settlement of a copyright dispute yesterday. At the High Court, the newspaper admitted infringing rights owned by the former Prime Minister, her publisher HarperCollins and *The Sunday Times* in publishing extracts from her memoirs. Times Newspapers had exclusive serialisation rights. Associated Newspapers, publisher of *The Mail on Sunday*, also agreed to pay costs estimated at £330,000.

Labour quango pledge

Labour would bring in tougher sanctions against quango members found guilty of wilful misconduct, Jack Straw, shadow Environment Secretary, said as the party stepped up its local election campaign. Claiming that nearly £55 billion is spent annually by unelected quangos, Mr Straw said he was writing to the Prime Minister to demand that quango members were liable to surcharge in the same way as local councillors. He argued that many of the organisations were run by Tory appointees. Unlikely conquest, page 9

Loyalist brothers jailed

A Loyalist gunman and his brother were sentenced to 16 years in jail yesterday for an assassination attempt on workers at a Sinn Fein advice centre. James Hill, 23, fired through the windows but was shot by a soldier as he was driven away by Robert Hill, 27, Belfast Crown Court was told. Both men, from Belfast, admitted attempted murder.

Video report attacked

A group of academics has criticised as "meaningless" the Newson Report, which said psychologists had underestimated the harm done to children by "video nasties". Dr Guy Cumberbatch, Professor Vincent Porter and 21 others said: "For more than a hundred years there have been attempts to shift the blame for social breakdown on to the media."

Ministers' private eyes

The Department of Transport has spent £760,000 on contracts with private detective agencies since April 1991. Robert Key, the roads minister, said in a Commons written reply last night that their roles included collecting evidence and serving papers on trespassers on department land and tracing people believed to have damaged roads.

Hanratty 'confession'



The case of James Hanratty, left, hanged 32 years ago for murder, is not to be reopened despite new claims that he was innocent. Police interviewed a man who had allegedly confessed to shooting Michael Gregsten in 1961 in a layby on the A6 near Bedford. The man had sent Mr Gregsten's widow a Christmas card. Hanratty, 25, was hanged in April 1962 after he was picked out at an identity parade.

Pilot 'didn't see' aircraft

The pilot of an RAF Tornado fighter-bomber, Flt Lt David Powers, yesterday told an inquest at Kendal, Cumbria, that he did not see a civilian survey helicopter which his aircraft hit at more than 450mph during a low-level training mission last June, killing two men. He said he thought he had hit a flock of birds. The hearing continues today.

Readership rises 10%

The Times is attracting more new readers than any other national daily newspaper. The National Readership Survey for October 1993 to March 1994 shows that daily readership of *The Times* rose by 117,000 (10 per cent), compared with falls of 176,000 (-12 per cent) for *The Guardian* and 180,000 (-6.5 per cent) for *The Daily Telegraph*.

Cat's luck runs out

A policeman called to a dispute between neighbours over a cat arrested its owner but ran over and killed the animal as he drove the man to the police station. The officer, PC Steve Hansom, said the cat had a habit of curling up under parked cars. The owner, from Sunderland, had allegedly assaulted his neighbour, who he claimed had been teasing the cat.

Radio audience drops by 600,000

BY ALEXANDRA FREAN
MEDIA CORRESPONDENT

THE number of people listening to radio has declined in the last six months, reversing a long-term rise in popularity.

The weekly audience fell more than 600,000 between the first quarters of 1993 and 1994, according to Radio Joint Audience Research (Rajar), and the average time that people spent listening to the radio fell nearly 20 minutes to just over 18 hours a week.

The fall coincides with static or falling viewing hours for television, which had remined virtually unchanged since the mid 1980s.

Rajar figures for the first three months of 1994 show a further sharp fall in audiences for BBC Radio 1. Although it remained the nation's most popular radio station, its weekly audience dropped 1.1 million to 13.2 million. This follows a decline of more than two million for the whole of last year.

The station has undergone a major reorganisation with new presenters and programmes in the past few months. Matthew Bannister, controller of Radio 1, said he believed that the audience would begin to stabilise later this year.

He added that the breakfast show, presented by Steve Wright, now had the fastest-growing audience of any single radio programme.

Commercial radio added 1.7 million listeners in the first quarter of 1994, giving it a weekly audience of 27.3 million and 45 per cent of the total.

The increase is due in part to the expansion of the sector, which last year saw the launch 13 stations.

☐ The BBC is to invest an extra £75 million in regional production for network television and radio. John Birt, director-general, said yesterday that viewers, listeners and politicians had complained that the BBC was dominated by London and the South East and failed to reflect the cultural interests of the nation as a whole.

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credible. His cousin was very proper and gentlemanly: "You do not get to that position with a drinking problem."

Joe Ruston, an educational consultant who was a pupil at Eton from 1959 to 1964, said he escaped being beaten by Chenevix-Trench despite having been caned by his predecessor, Sir Robert Birley. He said: "Chenevix-Trench had a rather aloof and remote air. Even as a senior boy at the school I saw little of him."

Andrew Hargreaves, Tory MP for Hall Green, who was a pupil between 1967 and 1973, said: "I found Chevenix-Trench an extremely civilised man who was trying to steer the school through a tremendously difficult period. It was the swinging Sixties and the thrust of liberalism was making itself felt in a number of ways. The boys could have easily become unstuck. He did his best to steer a difficult course between excessive restraint and moving with the times."

Chenevix-Trench was an unusual appointment as head master in 1963 because he had been neither a pupil nor a master. During his reign he won a reputation as a reformer: compulsory Sunday chapel was abolished and Latin was dropped as a required scholarship subject.

Chenevix-Trench, who died in 1979, was a brilliant classics scholar, educated at Shrewsbury and Christ Church, Oxford.

His distinguished career as a schoolmaster began in 1948 at Shrewsbury, after which he moved to Bradfield College, Berkshire, as head master in 1955, and ended at Fettes in Edinburgh in 1979. At his last Headmasters' Conference it was estimated that 26 public schools — an eighth of conference membership — were headed by men who had worked for "C-T".

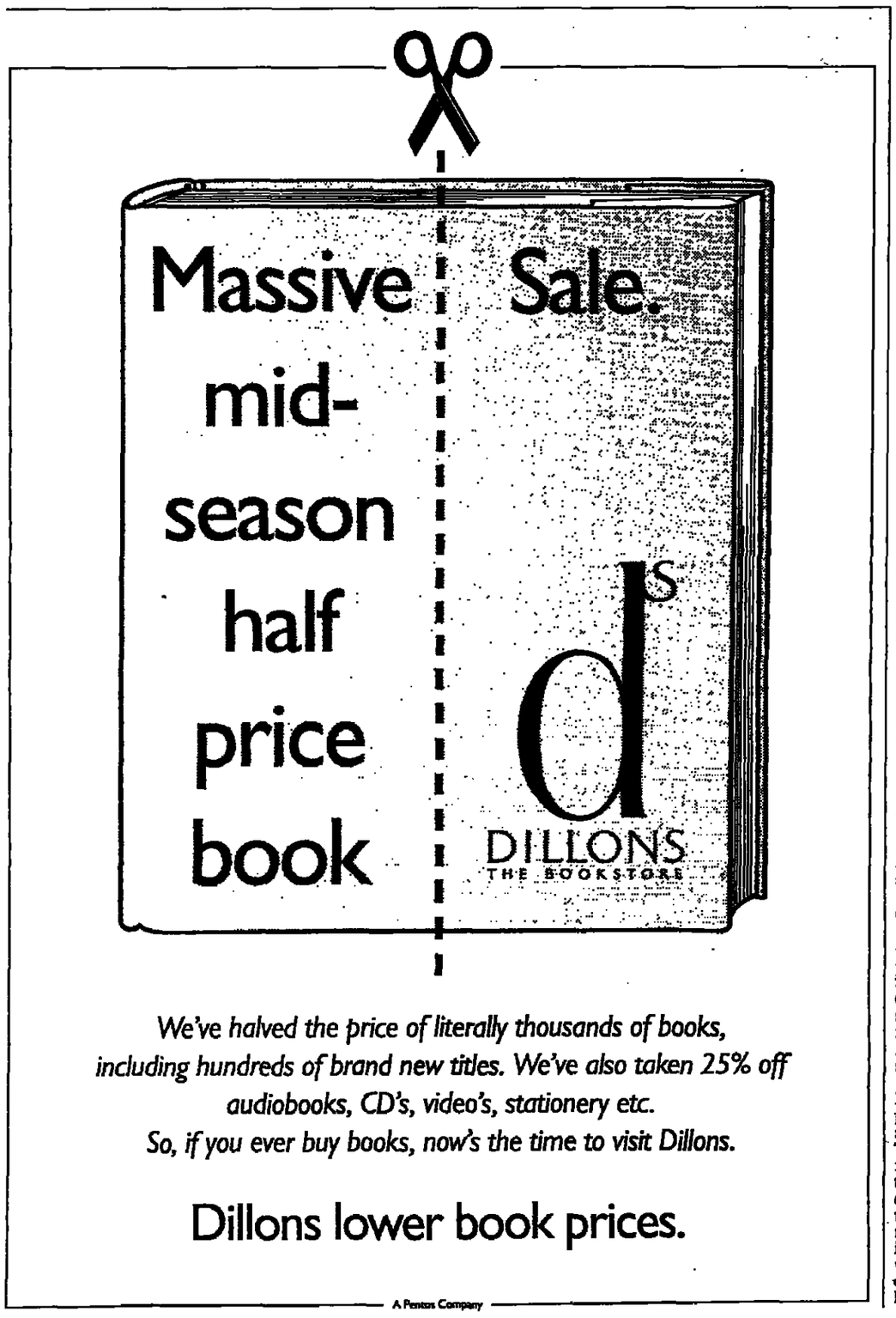
Mr Card stood by his account yesterday. "I have not written anything that I do not believe to be true. The book was not written as a cover-up job or anything like that."

Mr Card, who was an assistant master and later a house master under Chenevix-Trench, said: "My final words in the book are that Eton was in a stronger position when he left than when he was appointed. It is no secret that he was not a successful head master, but many very desirable changes occurred during his time."

His book will be the first history of Eton published this century. Two of his predecessors as vice-provost, David Macindoe and Archie Nicholson, embarked on the project but each died before making much progress.

The history runs from 1860 to the present day. Mr Card has resisted the temptation to make judgments on his contemporaries.

☐ *Eton Renewed: A History of Eton College from 1860 to the Present Day* (John Murray, £22.95; published May 19).



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'People pull faces and put their hymn books down in disgust. They are deafened'

Organist quits after pulling out all the stops once too often

BY RUTH GLEDHILL, RELIGION CORRESPONDENT

A CHURCH organist who has played at Notre Dame Cathedral in Paris has resigned from his job after the rector and congregation complained his music was too loud.

The Rev Sidney Gilbert, rector of All Saints' church, Beeston Regis, Norfolk, said that Michael Russen pulled out the stops and played hymns so vigorously that the largely elderly and retired congregation was forced to stand with fingers in ears. Some would walk out, while others would simply stand, unable to sing and with pained expressions on their faces.

Mr Russen, 52, said he had to play loudly for the sound to reach the choir, who stood next to the organ keyboard but 30 yards from the pipes at the back of the church.

The dispute reached a climax at a meeting of the parochial church council, where three quarters of the members voted that the music was too loud.

Mr Gilbert said: "The kind of music he plays is quite unacceptable in a church like this. The congregation just cannot sing properly. They are deafened by him. It is only a small church. He blasts them out. They are elderly people and some have difficulties with their ears. People have to put their fingers in their ears. He's been asked time and time again to quieten down. It works for a while but then he just goes back to it.

"I have known people walk out. I have seen it when I am in the pulpit. People pull faces and put their hymn books down in disgust."

Mr Gilbert denied that the size of the organ was to blame. "Other people can play the organ quietly. It is the kind of organ that can be played loudly enough or quietly enough," he said.

A panel of organists has now been organised to play instead of Mr Russen on Sundays.

Mr Russen, an organist for 40 years and employed for the past three years to play weekly at All Saints' for about £58 a month, claimed Mr Gilbert caused the dispute by failing to communicate. "He never talks to me," Mr Russen said. "He just sends round a church warden to tell me things. I only found out about this because my wife went to the church council meeting and told me about it when she came home.

"The problem is that there is no way of regulating the sound on the organ, apart from using the stops. There is no happy medium. I am not just sitting at the organ and banging the keys harder and harder. I have to play the music the way it is supposed to be played."

He said liked to think he had a very good reputation, having played the organ in America, in France, and in many cathedrals. "But this aggravation over the past three years has made me think it is not worth it any more," he said. "I have had enough and would not have my job back even if I was asked."

Michael Nicholas, chief executive of the Royal College of Organists, and organist at Norwich Cathedral for 23 years, said an organ should be the right size for the building. But he added: "An organ requires its player to use a great deal of discretion in how much sound he uses at any one time.

"I don't know what has led to this dispute in Norfolk but it is always possible for an organist to be too loud for too long."



STEVE HILL

Michael Russen practises quietly at home after the row with the Rev Gilbert, right



All Saints' church, where the organ blasted



Obsessed schoolgirl ambushed teacher

BY KATE ALDERSON

A SCHOOLGIRL became so infatuated with a teacher that she harassed him for three years and eventually broke into his home armed with a hammer, knives and chisels after taking drugs.

The 16-year-old pupil at a school in Glossop, Derbyshire, developed a crush on the teacher, in his late twenties, three years ago.

She made a series of sexually explicit telephone calls, sent him an obscene Valentine card and falsely accused him of having an affair with her, Manchester Crown Court was told yesterday by Bernard Lever, for the prosecution.

Last October, three months after the teacher was married, the girl broke into his house, armed with the knives and tools. She planned to frighten the teacher and his wife and force him to confess to an affair with her but the teacher managed to corner the girl in the house until the police arrived.

The girl admitted affray at an earlier hearing and Judge Hammond served her with a probation order with a condition she underwent medical treatment. He said: "You have got to avoid him and let him get on with his life. I am concerned with your future, and with his, so forget about him." He ordered that neither person be identified.

After the hearing, the teacher said the girl was undergoing psychiatric treatment to cope with her problems.

Policeman kicked like rag as mob looks on

BY RICHARD FORD
HOME CORRESPONDENT

A CROWD of up to 40 people looked on as a mob of young men kicked a police sergeant around "like a rag", breaking bones in his face.

As Gary Boughen recovered in hospital yesterday, a senior officer spoke of his increasing concern at sections of society that were unwilling to help police under attack or provide information.

Sgt Boughen, 32, suffered a broken nose and fractured cheekbones during the attack outside a fish and chip shop in Edlington, South Yorkshire.

Sgt Boughen, a police officer for 13 years and the father of two young daughters, was in the village after complaints from residents about the rowdy behaviour of young men leaving pubs.

Det Supt John Hope said: "This was a disgraceful and cowardly attack on an officer carrying out his duty and we want the public's help. There were 30 or 40 people watching and no one lifted a finger to help.

"The officer has serious injuries after being repeatedly kicked. To kick someone like this when they are on the floor is particularly nasty."

After the attack, one woman comforted the officer and wiped blood from his face as he waited for an ambulance.

Supt Hope said: "It is of increasing concern to me that certain members of the community are reluctant to come forward to help officers being attacked or help us with information afterwards."

He said that although it was perhaps understandable that some people did not want to get involved in the incident because of fears they might be attacked themselves, it was important that police received information.

Last week, WPC Yvonnne Sanderson escaped unhurt when her patrol car was wrecked by schoolchildren hurling rocks at the vehicle.

Speed limiter on death coach had been doctored

BY A STAFF REPORTER

A SPEED limiter on a coach that crashed, killing ten people, had been tampered with and disconnected, an inquest jury was told yesterday.

Richard Sturt, the coroner, told the inquest in Dover that the limiter was supposed to restrict the coach's speed to a maximum 70mph, but the tachograph showed it had been travelling at 78mph. Anti-lock braking systems were also faulty, and the coach was fitted with single glazing rather than double glazing.

The jury was also told by the coroner that the coach driver, Leslie Golds, had exceeded his driving hours and had had less than five hours' sleep the night before the accident. It was Mr Golds's first time behind the wheel of that particular vehicle because of a last-minute change.

Mr Sturt was outlining evidence at the inquest into the deaths of nine American tourists and Mr Gold. They were on a trip to Canterbury and Leeds Castle when the coach crashed in wet weather on the M2 near Faversham, Kent, in November.

Mr Sturt told the jury: "You will hear from witnesses who say they saw the coach driving at 70mph. However, the coach tachograph shows a top speed of 78mph.

"Both the anti-lock brake systems at the front of the coach were faulty, and so was the warning light."

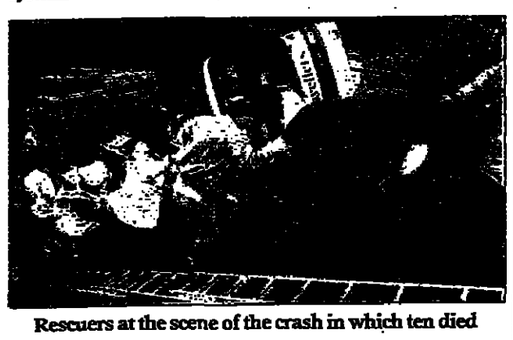
The coroner said the driver was one of the most experienced employed by Travellers Coach Company, of Hounslow, west London. Mr Golds, 54, of Hoddesdon, Hertfordshire, died of crush injuries and a ruptured liver after the coach hit a van and careered down an embankment.

The victims died from crush and rupture injuries. The youngest person to die was Jill McCartney, 26, a nanny from New Jersey. She had arrived in England with her parents and went on the sightseeing trip with her mother, who survived. Her father is legally representing the family at the inquest.

Two sisters, Deborah Bennell, a lawyer from Louisiana, and Frances Hubbard, 52, a housewife from Texas, also died. They had taken the trip with their other sister and their mother, who survived.

The other victims were: Carolyn Calabris, from Connecticut, and her stepmother Caralyn Martin-Stokes, 74; Harry Faull, 65, a high school principal, and his wife Carolyn, a teacher, from Michigan; Shirley Smith, from Connecticut, and Elisabeth Rogez, 63, from Florida.

Mr Sturt said 40 witnesses would be called during the five-day inquest, including rescuers and survivors.



Rescuers at the scene of the crash in which ten died

Strong lager, stronger judge

BY ROBIN YOUNG

A JUDGE won a brief arm-wrestling contest with a juror yesterday when the man tried to grab back one of two cans of lager that had been taken from him.

John Butler, 34, had arrived at Croydon Crown Court, south London, carrying a can of high strength lager that contained 8.5 per cent alcohol by volume. Vanessa Brian, 25, a security guard, relieved him of it, telling him: "You're not allowed to take that in."

Judge Devonshire, whose trial of a man accused of indecent assault was in its fifth day, ordered Butler into court from the jury room, and he arrived with another full can hidden down his trousers. He handed this can to an usher, who put it in front of the judge.

The judge told Butler he was going to be locked up until the end of the day. As he started for the cells, Butler rushed forward and grabbed the can.

Judge Devonshire quickly said: "Oh, no. I'd better keep that", and took a firm hold of Butler's wrist. The tussle was over seconds; the judge won and Butler was marched off. He was later brought back before the judge, who said: "You were clearly not capable of paying proper attention. We can tell that by sight and smell."

Butler pleaded guilty to an offence under the Juries Act of being unfit by reason of drink and was fined £50. He was later released and given back the first can.

Butler, unemployed, from Croydon, paused outside the court to open the can and say: "I'm really sorry at upsetting the judge. He seemed very kind when he spoke to me. I just felt like a drink in the early morning and I must have had a drop too much."

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RCN congress: minister defends youth club birth control and frees nurses to write prescriptions

Cumberlege backs free condoms for under-12s

BY JEREMY LAURANCE, HEALTH SERVICES CORRESPONDENT

GIVING condoms to girls aged 12 is appropriate if it is the only means of protecting them from pregnancy, a Government minister said yesterday.

Baroness Cumberlege, a junior health minister, said that as a last resort it was acceptable to provide under-16-year-olds with "the means to avoid a pregnancy". The decision to supply teenagers with condoms was a matter of professional judgment, she said.

In contrast to recent ministerial pronouncements condemning sex advice for its lack of moral content, Baroness Cumberlege defended a family planning nurse who handed out free condoms in a Birmingham youth club for girls aged 12 to 18.

"It is important that advice is given to girls and that should be the mainstay of our effort to reduce teenage pregnancies. But in the end, if a nurse recognises that there are one or two teenagers — and we are talking about 15- and 16-year-olds here — who are particularly vulnerable, it may be right to give them condoms," Baroness Cumberlege said. Asked if the same would apply to 13- and 14-year olds, the minister replied: "They should be given the best advice we can and if necessary the means to avoid a pregnancy." She said there were 80 under-age pregnancies a year in Birmingham, of which two-thirds ended in abortion. "We are trying to prevent young girls going through that experience." She said parents should be informed "where appropriate" but the decision should be left to the nurse.



Cumberlege: advice is the mainstay of efforts

There are almost 8,000 pregnancies among under-16-year-olds a year. Under the Government's Health of the Nation initiative, health authorities are required to halve this figure by the end of the decade.

Baroness Cumberlege was speaking to reporters after addressing the Royal College of Nursing's annual congress in Bournemouth. Her remarks were praised by Christine Hancock, the RCN's general secretary: "I think it is important that we have one government minister who is realistic about the problem of teenage pregnancies."

Baroness Cumberlege's remarks set her apart from parliamentary colleagues in the Cabinet and on the back benches who have become increasingly concerned at the lack of moral content in sex education and advice. Earlier, Dame Jill Knight, a Tory MP and campaigner on moral issues, condemned the North Birmingham initiative as a "disgraceful exercise".

"Sexual intercourse with a girl under 16 is illegal and to provide the means by which the law is broken is a loophole that must be closed," she said.

☐ Baroness Cumberlege disclosed that she had waited 20 minutes for an ambulance to arrive after her aunt collapsed and was lying unconscious and bleeding in a busy city street last summer. She said the unnamed health authority had said it would ensure it did not happen again. "That is not caring," she told the RCN congress. Under the Patient's Charter ambulances are expected to answer emergency calls within 14 minutes.



BARRY GREENWOOD

Sister Rita Hurst at the Bolton practice in the pilot nurse prescription scheme

Access to treatment widened

NURSES are to begin prescribing drugs in an attempt to cut delays and inconvenience for patients.

The monopoly of doctors on issuing prescriptions is to be breached in October when nurses in eight GP fundholding practices will be given the right to prescribe from a limited list of drugs and medical appliances, Baroness Cumberlege, a health minister, told the Royal College of Nursing congress in Bournemouth.

The pilot plan, made possible by Parliament in 1992, is intended to help elderly and chronically ill patients to obtain the dressings, lotions and creams they need without visiting their GP.

Christine Hancock, general secretary of the RCN, predicted that within five years the list would be extended to include widely-used drugs such as antibiotics and painkillers.

Ms Hancock said: "All the evidence shows that nurses will save on costs. It will mean that patients will get things quicker."

Survey uncovers frontline fears

BY OUR HEALTH SERVICES CORRESPONDENT

A NURSE'S uniform can no longer be relied on to provide protection from attack, a survey has shown. Irate patients continue to vent their frustration with the health service on its most loyal servants, according to the Royal College of Nursing.

A survey of 1,100 community nurses by the college found more than a quarter had been verbally abused, one in five had had their cars or personal belongings damaged and one in 20 had been threatened. More than half the incidents involved nurses who were in uniform.

Christine Hancock, general secretary, said it was a sad day for nursing when the uniform ceased to provide protection. "I remember the day when it was possible for a nurse in uniform to walk safely through the streets of east London at any time," she said.

A guide for Britain's 80,000 community nurses issued by the college says for the first time that they should not rely on their uniform to protect them. It also advises against wearing flamboyant jewellery and recommends making visits by taxi instead of car if there is a high risk of vandalism.

Helen Beanland, a district nurse in Bradford, West Yorkshire, who was attacked by three glue-sniffers, said nurses should be provided with mobile phones when making visits. Her personal alarm failed to sound when she was attacked and she had to take time off work as a result of her injuries. She said her car had been vandalised five times in four years and a colleague had been sexually assaulted. "The more the Government promotes community care, the more nurses will be put at risk," she said.

In a number of cases, nurses were attacked by patients angry about delays or treatment they had received because they happened to be around at the time. One said: "The complaint was really against the GP but they could not find him, so the nurse was next in line."

Ms Hayhoe said physical assaults on nurses were rare, but there was real concern about damage to cars and personal property. Half the nurses who had suffered attacks on their property had lost sums of between £50 and £1,000.

The report says the level of financial loss is "unacceptably high" and additional insurance cover is necessary where the risks are greatest.

More men claim sex bias by employers

BY PHILIP BASSETT
INDUSTRIAL EDITOR

MEN are increasingly facing sex discrimination over jobs, the Equal Opportunities Commission said yesterday.

Figures to be published in June will show the highest level of complaints of discrimination from men recorded. While such complaints have traditionally come from women, 41 per cent were from men last year.

Since March 1993, women's employment has risen by 152,000, while men in work have fallen by 47,000. Though employers are legally barred from advertising or hiring on the basis of gender, many employers prefer women, because many want part-timers and women's pay is on average 20 per cent lower.

Speaking at the launch of a government initiative aimed at improving job prospects for women, Kamlesh Bahl, EOC chairwoman, said yesterday: "We have evidence of increasing discrimination against men."

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Bahl: growing evidence of bias against men

Blindness could be helped by thalidomide

BY NIGEL HAWKES
SCIENCE EDITOR

THALIDOMIDE, the drug that caused deformities in thousands of babies born in the 1960s, could be used to treat two of the commonest causes of blindness.

American researchers report today that in tests on rabbits, thalidomide inhibited the growth of blood vessels. They suspect that this may be the reason why the drug damaged embryos when it was taken by pregnant women as a sleeping pill.

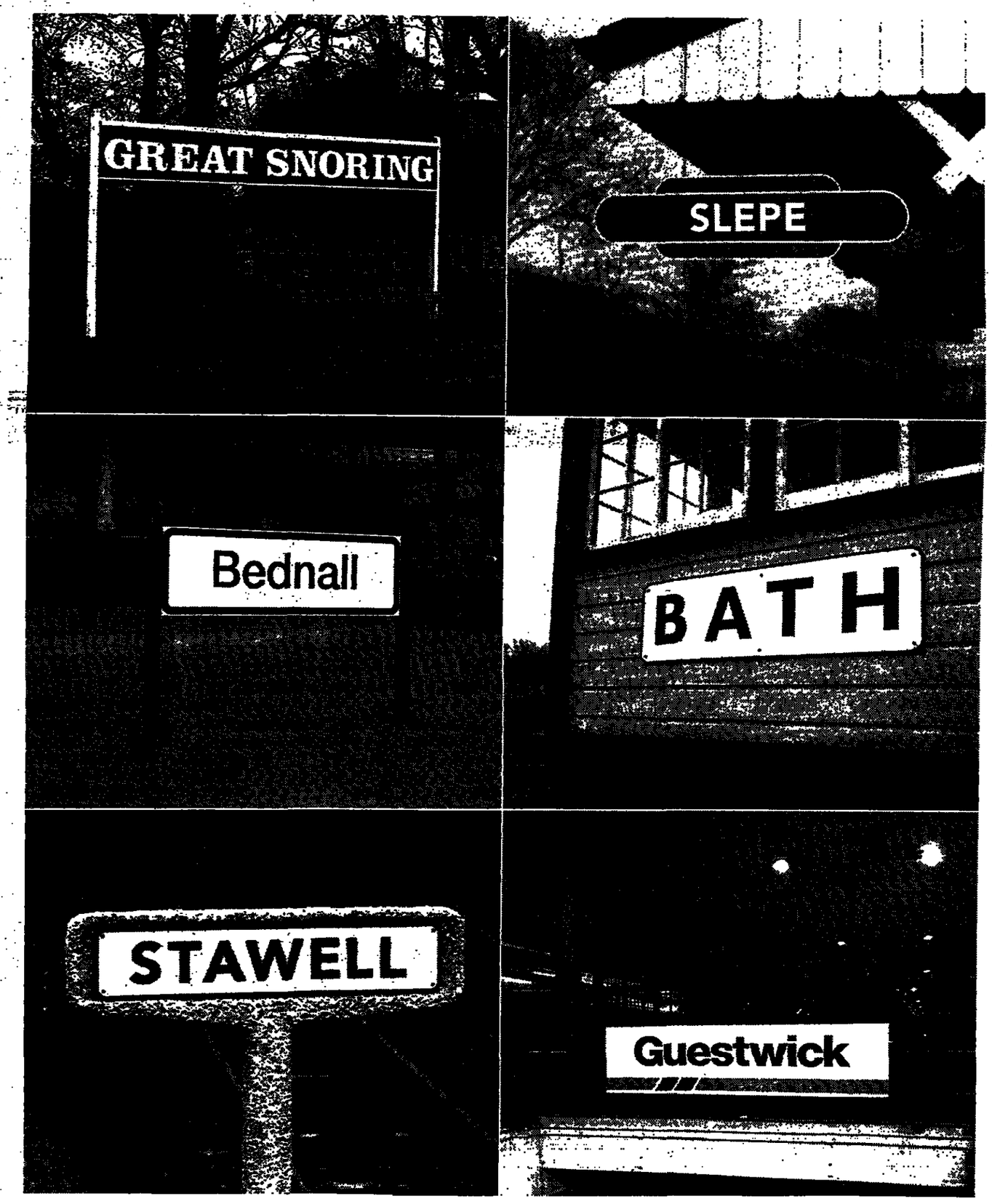
Worldwide, more than 2,000 children were born without limbs as a result.

A team from the Children's Hospital in Boston, led by Dr Robert D'Amato, reports the research in the journal *Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences*. The team found that the drug reduced blood vessel growth in the cornea of rabbits' eyes by between 30 and 51 per cent.

In healthy adult humans, blood vessel growth does not normally occur unless they are pregnant or recovering from an injury. But it does occur in two important causes of blindness, macular degeneration and diabetic retinopathy, and the researchers suggest that thalidomide may slow the process.

Diabetic retinopathy is the commonest cause of blindness in Britain for people aged between 20 and 65.

The researchers are trying to find the most active form of the drug for further studies. As well as possible applications in the two eye conditions, they say it may be useful in treating some solid tumours that depend on the creation of blood vessels.



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Lord now a lady in court

THE existence of a woman among the senior judicial ranks has been formally acknowledged by the legal system six years after she was appointed to the Court of Appeal.

The Master of the Rolls, Sir Thomas Bingham, has ruled that Dame Elizabeth Butler-Sloss, the most senior female judge, can be addressed in court as "My Lady" and not "My Lord", as demanded by legal tradition and the law.

Sir Thomas announced the change to avoid "the plainly absurd" position of counsel referring to Dame Elizabeth as "My Lady, Lord Justice Butler-Sloss."

It is understood that Dame Elizabeth, 61, raised the question of the title herself because of the confusion in court.

However, when she was appointed in 1988, she stuck with the Lord Justice title. "I get letters saying, you must insist on *Lady* Justice," she said at the time. "It worries other people much more than it does me. There are far more important issues."

Peers challenge Mackay over warning to judge

BY FRANCES GIBB, LEGAL CORRESPONDENT

THE Lord Chancellor, Lord Mackay of Clashfern, will face fierce criticism in the House of Lords tomorrow over suggestions that he threatened to sack a judge.

The debate, tabled by Lord Irvine of Lairg, the shadow Lord Chancellor, will put pressure on Lord Mackay to explain letters he wrote to Sir John Wood who, as Mr Justice Wood, was president of the Employment Appeal Tribunal. The letters have caused a furore among some senior judges who see them as amounting to a Treasury-driven attack by the executive on the independence of the judiciary, aimed at cutting costs.

They have also aroused concern in Parliament, where Lord Ackner, the retired law lord, Lord Lester of Herne Hill QC and the Labour MP Andrew Mackinlay have put a series of questions to the Lord Chancellor.

Last week Lord Mackay, who strongly denies inviting Sir John to resign, took the unusual step of agreeing to publish the letters by placing copies in the libraries of the Commons and the Lords.

The dispute has arisen over an apparent ultimatum given by Lord Mackay to Sir John after the two disagreed over the right of people to make representations over their appeals.

Lord Mackay told Sir John that, if the judge could not agree with him over the procedure before tribunals, he should "consider his position". Shortly afterwards Sir John resigned, although he has said that he intended to do so anyway.

Lord Mackay maintains that he meant only that the judge should consider his intellectual position.

Last week, the dispute was fuelled further when a retired Court of Appeal judge, Sir Francis Purchas, accused Lord Mackay of having acted in an unconstitutional manner. In the current *New Law Journal*, Sir Francis says: "Taken at its lowest, the letter was an attempt to force a High Court judge to follow a legal course which to [the Lord Chancellor's] knowledge that judge thought was contrary to his judicial oath.

"On any view, an attempt to influence a judge, backed up with a threat, whatever the precise form it may have taken, was almost certainly an unconstitutional act."

The dispute arose over whether people appealing against industrial tribunal rulings had a statutory right to argue their cases in person at preliminary hearings. Sir John said they did and that to deny them would be unfair.

Lord Mackay, who has told the Lords that he had "no intention whatever of inviting Mr Justice Wood to resign his judicial office and I did not say so", was concerned about the growing backlog of cases before the appeals tribunal. He told Sir John in a series of letters that he wanted to ensure that public money was not wasted on preliminary hearings in "clearly unmeritorious cases".

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Irvine: will question Mackay in the Lords



Mackay: told judge to "consider his position"

FIONA HANSON



Mr and Mrs Ginder outside the High Court yesterday after the ruling on her accident

Husband at fault for accident that crippled wife

BY A STAFF REPORTER

A MAN was yesterday held two-thirds to blame for an accident in which his wife broke her back while trying to rescue their young son from a carport roof.

James Stewart QC, sitting as a deputy judge at the High Court, said Martyn Ginder had been asked at least ten times over three months to mend the storeroom window through which 21-month-old Daniel had climbed out.

His wife Jean, 36, is now confined to a wheelchair, and her claim — against her husband's household insurance — is estimated at £500,000. She was also ruled negligent in not locking the storeroom door on the morning of the accident in March 1991. She had opened the door briefly to sort out the laundry.

The judge did not accept that Mrs Ginder, of Bricket Wood near Watford, Hertfordshire, was at fault in climbing out on to the roof after her son. The damages will be assessed at a later date.

Mr Ginder, 36, an undertaker who has two other sons, said afterwards that in the household he was in charge of "man's work" and his wife in charge of "woman's work". He said: "We had an agreement long before the children were born that she would deal with the nappies and I would deal with the sink."

Mr Ginder said they did not blame each other for the tragedy: "It was an unfortunate accident. Our relationship survived because we were very much in love and still are."

Mrs Ginder said after the hearing she felt "relief" at the ruling. "It means we can go forward now to claim against the insurance policy so we can have something for the future." She did not bring the case to lay the blame on her husband, she said. "It was the only way to get the insurance.

"We obviously don't hold each other responsible for what happened and we are still very happy together. An injury of this kind has split up many couples, but we have a very strong marriage."

At the moment she was well cared for because her husband was working, but the money would be needed for the future — "plus we would like a damned good holiday".

Daniel was rescued unharmed from the roof after workmen had found him dangling by his clothes caught on a nail.

The judge said Mr Ginder was very much the head of the household and his wife would seldom take the initiative without consulting him. "Mr Ginder could be a difficult man to handle and their relations were somewhat strained at this time." But after she had seen Daniel at the open window, two weeks before the accident, Mrs Ginder should have given her husband an ultimatum about the window or got someone else to fix it.

Dirtiest river in Europe named

BY NICK NUTTALL, ENVIRONMENT CORRESPONDENT

A SMALL river in Derbyshire is the most polluted in Europe, tests have shown.

The river contains dioxins, by-products of industrial processes such as incineration, which are long-lived chemicals linked with deformities and death in species including fish, rabbits and humans.

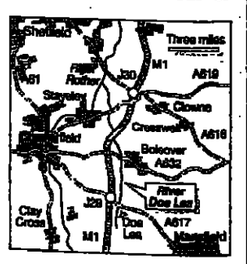
Tests by the National Rivers Authority have found concentrations in sediments of the Doe Lea at levels 27 times those of any other river in Europe. The authority, which has carried out the tests to support legal action against the coal company Coalite, which has a factory on the river near Bolsover, fears that the pollution is spreading to at least two bigger rivers in the region, the Don and the Rother.

None of the rivers is used for drinking water and the risk to human health is considered slight. The main danger is from contact through the skin or children ingesting the sediments by accident.

However, there are serious concerns for fish and other wildlife higher up the food chain with a wealth of scientific evidence linking dioxins with infertility, cancer and weakening of the immune system.

Levels of dioxins, called polychlorinated dibenzo-para-dioxins, found immediately below the Coalite Chemicals plant on the Doe Lea were detected at over 20 million parts per trillion, the equivalent of one ounce per tonne.

The analysis of the river followed a court action by farmers against Coalite after allegations that milk from cows had become contaminated with dioxins discharged into the air from the firm's incinerator. It was shut down in November 1991 and the claim was settled out of court. The authority's tests have been carried out in an attempt to establish liability for cleaning up the rivers. A spokesman said the cost could be £1 million.



Dr George Danson, managing director of Coalite Chemicals, said: "These tiny levels do not represent an environmental threat." He rejected claims that dioxins from the plant were spreading to other waterways. He was ready to deal with the issue in the courts.

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The Cromwell Street enquiry

Builder's wife accused of killing teenage girl

BY A STAFF REPORTER

THE wife of Frederick West, who has been charged with murdering ten women, appeared in court herself yesterday on a murder charge.

Rosemary West, 40, is accused of murdering Lynda Gough, 19, whose remains were uncovered by police at the home Mrs West shared with her husband at 25 Cromwell Street, Gloucester. Mrs West is accused of murdering the teenager, who went missing 21 years ago, jointly with her 52-year-old husband.

Miss Gough, who worked as a seamstress at the Co-operative store in Gloucester, was two weeks away from her 20th birthday when she disappeared in April 1973. She had moved out of her parents' home to live in a flat in the centre of the city.

Mrs West was remanded in custody until Friday by Gloucester magistrates at the four-minute hearing. Her solicitor, Leo Goatley, made no application for bail and the bespectacled Mrs West, who was wearing a mauve top, did not speak during the hearing.

Mrs West has also been charged in connection with the rape of an 11-year-old girl and with assaulting a boy of eight, causing him actual bodily harm.

Two Gloucester men accused jointly with her on the rape charges have appeared before the court and been remanded on conditional bail.



Gough: went missing in Gloucester in 1973

Det Supt John Bennett, who is leading the investigation into the murders, said outside 25 Midland Road, Gloucester, where the Wests lived in the early 1970s, that a search would begin there today.

He said: "We will be searching part of the garden and one specific area on the ground floor near to where the extension meets the house at the rear. This will be an extremely difficult operation as large amounts of concrete, hard core and ballast were used to build the extension foundations.

"It is possible that what we are looking for could have been removed when builders were excavating the footings prior to building the extension. We have no indication at present as to how long this search will take."

Residents of the Midland Road house, which has been converted into flats and which has been under police guard, have been found other accommodation during the search. The white-fronted property overlooking Memorial Park is about a quarter of a mile from Cromwell Street.

Mr Bennett said digging at the Wests' current home in Cromwell Street would finish by the end of the week.

☐ The editor of the *Gloucester Citizen* is to appear in court over the newspaper's reporting of aspects of the Cromwell Street investigation.

Gloucester police said that after a complaint by Frederick West's solicitor, Howard Ogden, and a police enquiry, the Attorney-General had consented to proceedings.

Two separate summonses have been issued and served on the editor, Graham Glenn, and the paper's owners, Northcliffe Newspapers Group Ltd, for an offence under the Magistrates Court Act 1980. The summonses are returnable at Gloucester magistrates' court on June 7.



Frederick West and his wife Rosemary, jointly charged with murder

Killer who breached probation is jailed

BY A STAFF REPORTER

A JUDGE told the kille Joseph Elliott yesterday th he should change his name "t get out of the limelight".

The advice came as Elliot 20, was jailed for six month by Snaresbrook Crown Cour east London, for breaching probation order imposed f burglary.

His counsel, Alison Thro said that since the outcry ov the death of Bob Osborne, Ell ott was scared to leave hom and would travel only by taxi But he could not afford a tax to see his probation officer.

Judge The Viscount Colvill of Culross QC ordered Ellio of Clapham, south London, t be held in a detention centre He said: "You know quite wel I have been trying to keep you out of custody. I have tried very hard but you have not.

"If you go back to Manches ter and live with your father, it would be very sensible if you changed your name to get you out of the limelight."

Elliott was acquitted last year of murdering Mr Osborne, who chased him after a tyre-slashing incident.

WPC 'was told to stop blacks' as career aid

BY A STAFF REPORTER

A TRAINEE policewoman in danger of losing her job was advised by her superiors to improve her arrest record by randomly stopping more black people in the street, an industrial tribunal was told yesterday.

The claims were made by Louisa Rostant, who is half Irish, half Afro-Caribbean, in her case for racial discrimination and unfair dismissal against Paul Condon, the Metropolitan Police Commisioner.

Miss Rostant, 28, of Kennington, who was based in Brixton and Clapham, all in south London, said: "The police seem to me to be against ethnic minorities, Londoners and women. I am all three.

"It seemed to me the only thing my supervisors were concerned about was the amount of self-generated work — which boils down to stop and searching, and arrests.

"I was told in training to deal with things in a non-aggressive manner. We were told to be conciliatory and not to clog the system with paperwork. This didn't correspond with the way things were being done on the streets in Brixton and Clapham."

Miss Rostant is accused by the Metropolitan Police of being "too cowardly" to stop and search and lacking the ability to spot criminals. She joined Brixton police in August 1989, and was transferred to Clapham in May 1990, before being told to leave the force in September 1991.

She claims she suffered a catalogue of abuse from colleagues, such as breaking wind at her over the radio.

The tribunal continues.

Search for families of war dead in submarine

BY JOHN YOUNG

THE Ministry of Defence is searching for the next of kin of three members of the Royal Navy who died when a Dutch submarine sank in the North Sea 53 years ago.

The three have been named as Sub-Lieutenant Michael Jackson, 20, unmarried, of Hereford; Leading Telegraphist Joseph Carruthers, 33, married, from Manchester; and Signalman John Hancock, 36, married, of Portsmouth.

The three men were serving on board the submarine O-22, which sank after leaving Dundee on November 5, 1940. The actual date of the sinking cannot be established, as wireless links with shore bases were precluded.

The wreck was discovered last August by an unmanned Norwegian submersible checking pipelines and cables, but its identity was not established until last week by naval authorities in The Hague. There is a hole in the forward section, indicating that it was probably struck by a mine. As all the hatches are closed, it is assumed that the bodies of the 46 crew, including the three Britons, are on board. The vessel has been declared a war grave.

Captain Fred Van Leeuwen, defence attaché of The Netherlands in London, said: "We would like to tell the next of kin that their loved ones have been found."

☐ The Ministry of Defence has launched an investigation into the death of Richard Howard, 32, a sergeant in the Royal Marines, in a diving accident at Portland harbour, Dorset.

KEENE on CHESS

FROM RAYMOND KEENE
CHESS CORRESPONDENT
IN MOSCOW

Ratings released

The eagerly awaited Professional Chess Association rating list, which the PCA hopes will replace the Fide (International chess federation) rankings as the standard measure of chess strength has now been released. It is bound to be controversial. The top ten rankings are: Kasparov 2814, Karpov 2740, Ivanchuk 2726, Anand 2720, Shirov 2692, Kramnik 2691, Short and Salov 2685, Gelfand 2683, Bareev 2673. The top British rankings are: Short 2685, Adams 2648, Miles 2624, Speelman 2618, Nunn 2607, Chandler 2587, Hodgson 2574. Bobby Fischer occupies a lowly 67th place with a rating of 2593.

Short's hasty exit

Nigel Short's 2-0 defeat by Vassily Ivanchuk in the quarter-final of the speed chess challenge included this game.

White: Nigel Short
Black: Vassily Ivanchuk
PCA Speed Chess. Moscow 1994

Ruy Lopez

1	e4	e5
2	Nf3	Nc6
3	Bb5	a6
4	Ba4	Nf6
5	0-0	Be7
6	Re1	b5
7	Bb3	d6
8	c3	0-0
9	d4	Bg4
10	a4	Bxf3
11	gxf3	Na5
12	Bc2	Nh5
13	f4	Nxb4
14	Bxf4	exf4
15	Nd2	b4
16	Qf3	Rb8
17	Rad1	g6
18	Kh1	c5
19	dxc5	Qc7
20	Qxf4	bxc3
21	bxc3	Qxc5
22	Qg3	Bf6
23	Re3	Rb2
24	Bd3	Bxc3
25	Nf3	Bd4
26	Nxd4	Qxd4
27	Be2	Qxe4
28	Qxd6	Nc4
29	Qd4	Rb4
30	Ra1	Nxe3
31	Rxa4	Rb1+

White resigns

Diagram of final position



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Woodlanders clear the air to save butterflies from extinction

BY MICHAEL HORNSBY, COUNTRYSIDE CORRESPONDENT

FORESTERS will join naturalists today to launch a campaign to halt the widespread decline of butterflies.

Most of the 55 species of butterfly resident in Britain have disappeared from large tracts of countryside during the past four decades and some are close to extinction. More than 40 live mainly or exclusively in woods.

Martin Warren, an entomologist with Butterfly Conservation, said: "There has been a revolution over the last hundred years in the way woods are managed which has had unintended but disastrous consequences for butterflies and many other animals and plants." Most woodland butterflies need sunshine. For centuries this was ensured by the widespread coppicing of broadleaf trees, especially hazel, which were periodically cut back close to ground level to provide wood for fencing, thatching, basketry and for fires.

"Coppicing created sunlit clearings and prevented the growth of a uniformly thick canopy of foliage," Dr Warren said. "By chance, this was an ideal habitat for butterflies and flowers such as violets on which they feed, as well as for dormice, nightingales and other woodland creatures now in decline." Since 1900, coppicing has all but ceased. The area of woods still managed in this way is no more than 5 per cent of what it was a century ago.



Declining: from left, pearl-bordered fritillary, wood white and high brown fritillary

Worse still, many old forests have been replanted with dark and dense ranks of conifers among which few plants and animals can survive. The high brown fritillary is the species that has suffered the most spectacular population drop. The number of 10-kilometre squares in England and Wales in which it is recorded has dropped from 492 in the 1950s to 29, a fall of 94 per cent. It survives mainly in the southern Lake District and on Dartmoor.

Other species that have been big losers during the same period include the heath fritillary (down 92 per cent), the wood white (down 71 per cent) and the pearl-bordered fritillary (down 40 per cent).

The only two woodland butterflies that have extended their range, the white admiral and the speckled wood, are both unusual in being shade-loving.

Dr Warren is to lead a team of experts around the country to promote the campaign, called New Life for Old Woods. Four thousand information packs will be distributed to farmers and landowners, showing how woods can be made more butterfly-friendly. The campaign has the backing of the Forestry Commission.

One example of what can be achieved is in Hampshire, where the county council has restored about 1,000 acres of coppiced woodland during the past ten years by giving landowners a grant of £300 an acre to cut back areas that had been neglected and become overgrown. The aim is to restore 9,000 acres.

Jonathan Howe, the council's senior countryside officer, said: "Once a good hazel coppice has been re-established, the wood can be cut every seven to eight years and earn the landowner about £200 an acre. Hazel spars are still in demand for thatching and their use in garden furniture is a growth market."

Where coppicing is not an option, woods can be made lighter and airier by creating glades and cutting drives and corridors through them. This, however, would mean some loss of timber production and most landowners would not consider it without financial compensation.

Dispute over new opera centre hits fever pitch

BY ALISON ROBERTS, ARTS REPORTER

THE battle for a slice of parkland designed by Capability Brown is pitting conservationists against opera lovers.

Plans to construct Britain's first purpose-built opera and ballet house on the Compton Verney estate near Stratford-upon-Avon, Warwickshire, will be submitted to a Department of Environment enquiry today.

However, English Heritage will also make a submission against the venture, arguing that the plans constitute a "serious assault on a major heritage site".

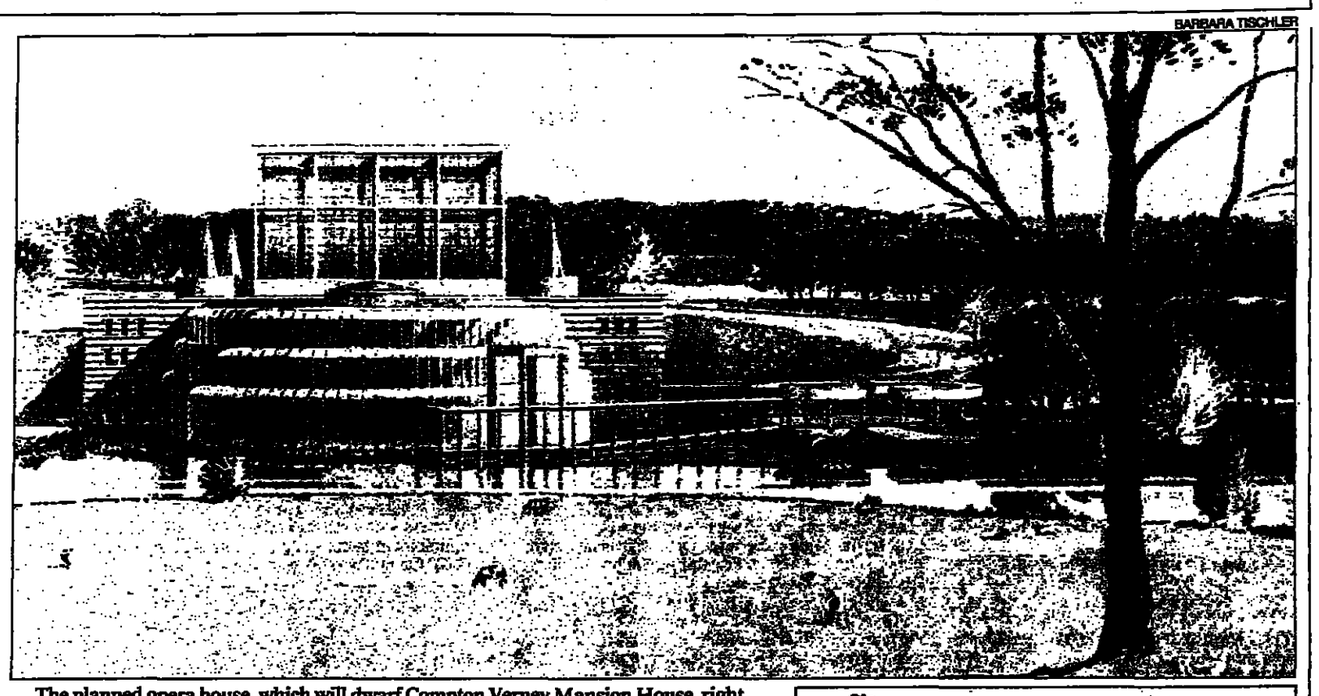
The house, which has been designed by the Danish architect Henning Larsen and promoted as the Glyndebourne of the Midlands, will seat 1,150 people and take productions from the Birmingham Royal Ballet and international opera singers.

Among those advising Lord Willoughby de Broke — who owns the site, to the southeast of the Adam bridge over the largest lake in Compton Verney — are Peter Hemmings, the director of the Los Angeles Opera, and Sir Peter Wright, director of the Birmingham Royal Ballet.

But English Heritage is also fielding some big guns. David Jacques, the authority on Capability Brown, will argue that the landscape should be restored and then left alone; and the owner of the Mansion House in Compton Verney, the Peter Moores Foundation, will also support the case against.

The dispute over the £50 million venue is already provoking strong emotions. John Yates, English Heritage's regional inspector of historic buildings, said that the size of the arts house would ruin the naturalistic Romantic landscape designed by Brown in the 1770s. "The building would scarcely nestle in the valleys," he said.

BARBARA TISCHLER



The planned opera house, which will dwarf Compton Verney Mansion House, right

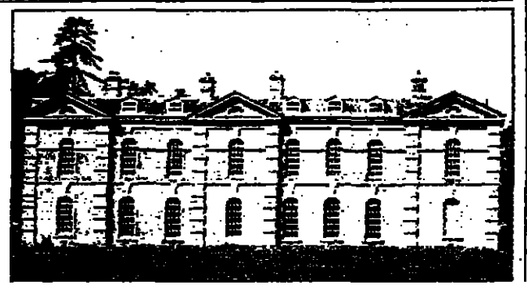
"It is 100ft higher than the hills and four times as big as the Mansion House. It will devastate the experience of the landscape as one moves around it and further divide the already partitioned land."

English Heritage also claims that the proposed site contains valuable remains of the medieval village of Compton Murdak.

But Lord Willoughby de Broke said English Heritage was "barking up the wrong tree. The part that we will be landscaping is bare arable land at the moment. A tractor was zooming up and down on it yesterday preparing to plant a bed of rape seed," he said.

The opera house lobby maintains that English Heritage is blocking a project that complements the landscape. But the conservationists believe that Compton Verney, once a wooded Arcady, should be protected at all costs.

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NEWS IN BRIEF

Clemency hope over caning

British officials in Qatar are hopeful that the authorities will show clemency to Gavin Sherrard-Smith, an expatriate worker who has been sentenced to 50 strokes of the cane for attempting to sell alcohol to a policeman.

One official said: "As far as we know, no date's been fixed for the caning."

Col Derek Sherrard-Smith, who flew to the Gulf state to support an appeal for clemency for his son by the British ambassador, is hoping that the sentence will be deferred to the Eid religious festival next month, when pardons are common.

Party death

Gurpar Kaur Rupal, 41, was killed outside her home in Rugby after a birthday celebration when a car driven by her daughter, Harbinder Perewal, 21, of Coventry, mounted the pavement and crushed her against a wall.

Two cleared

Paul Cometa, 36, and Michael Cipolla, 57, both restaurateurs from north London, were cleared at Southwark Crown Court yesterday of handling charges after buying Roman gold coins stolen from the British Museum.

Gentle touch

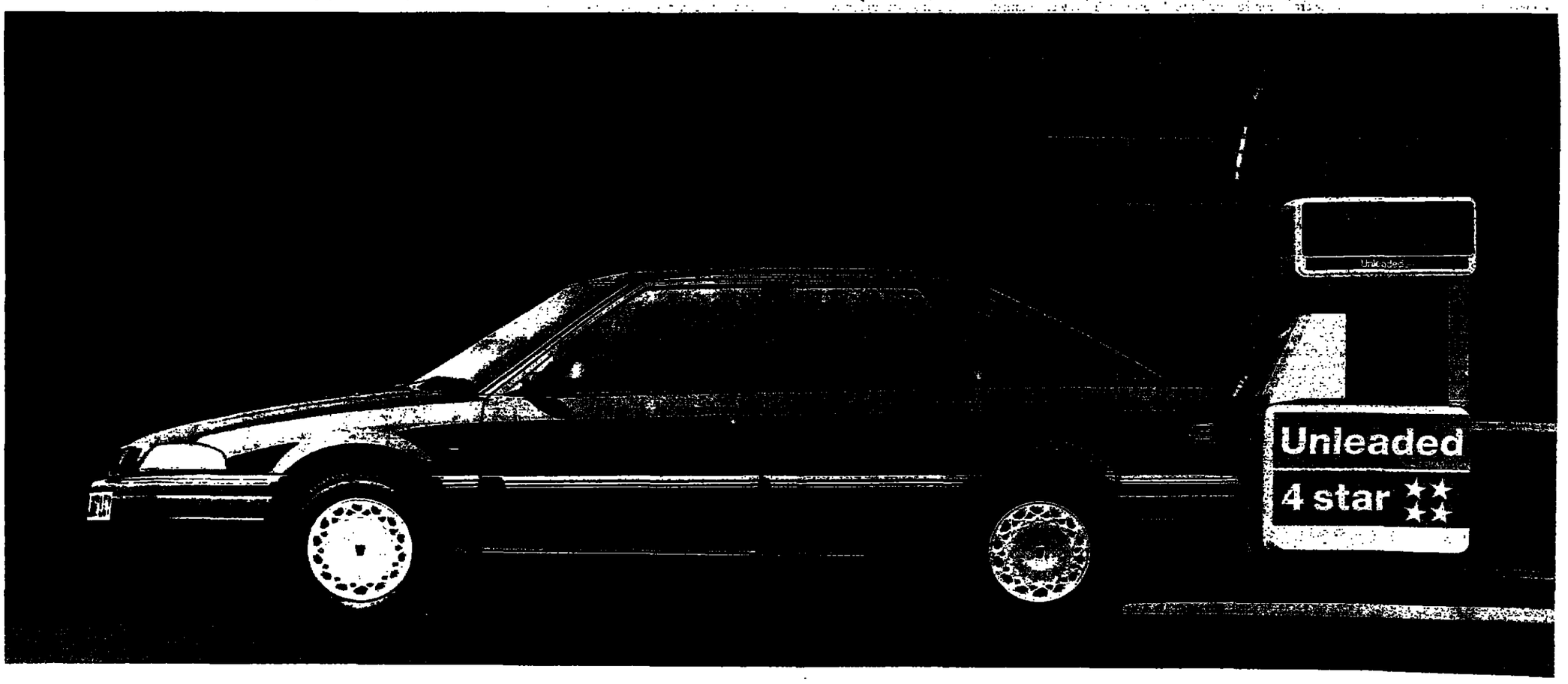
WPC Joanne Field, 24, who was taken hostage by a gunman when she went to a domestic dispute in Morley, Leeds, talked the man into surrendering within minutes of being frogmarched alone into his kitchen.

Rickshaw blues

A planned rickshaw service for tourists in Oxford has been put on hold because the operator has yet to obtain planning permission to park at a bus station.

Rainy delay

The painting in gold of Blackpool Tower started on schedule at 8am yesterday, but rain at 10am washed out the rest of the day.



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Labour cling to unlikely conquest in South West

BY JONATHAN PRYNN, POLITICAL REPORTER

LABOUR is celebrating a decade of political control in Exeter, one of its two redoubts in the far South West. The south Devon city makes an unlikely bastion of municipal socialism, yet it has become one of the party's most prized conquests.

Chester Long, the charismatic former railway shunter and NUR official who is leader of the council, still receives invitations to Tory conferences, such is the strength of the assumption that this is Tory territory.

Neither has Liberal Democracy, a rising force elsewhere in the region, yet made significant inroads in the 800-year-old city. There are only five Liberal Democrats on the 36-seat council, and at last May's county council elections it was Labour not the Liberal Democrats who took the lion's share of Exeter seats. The Tories took none.

Eight Labour seats are up for grabs on May 5 but Michael Browning, the Liberal Democrat leader, is not expecting huge gains. "You don't get much in the way of change here. Three seat changes is about eight points on the Richter scale," he said.

The minority Labour administration's brand of responsible socialism is far removed from the excesses of Lambeth and Liverpool: its financial prudence has won praise from the district auditor. Tories attack it not for spending on minority groups but for over-zealous encouragement of property speculators at the expense of open space.



LOCAL ELECTIONS 1994

Mr Long is naturally confident about his party's prospects. "People feel the Conservative Government has run its course and that it's time for a change," he said.

For the Conservatives May 5 is a damage limitation exercise. "We expected a maelstrom of whinge but we are not getting it," said Ramon Yeo, the deputy Tory leader and mayor elect.

Flagging Tory morale in Devon has been lifted by the selection of Giles Chichester, 47, a map publisher, as the candidate for the East Plymouth and Devon European Parliament seat. Mr Chichester, son of Sir Francis, the Devonian round-the-world yachtsman, is defending a 57,000 majority bequeathed by the colourful Lord O'Hagan. Mr Chichester, a former aide to Norman Tebbit, is one of a new breed of sceptical Tory Euro candidates who does not hide his distaste for colleagues who have "gone native" in the federalist atmosphere of Brussels and Strasbourg.

Losing the seat which had the second highest Tory majority in Britain in 1989 would be the sort of disaster that could shorten John Major's tenancy of 10 Downing Street. Mr Chichester is up against local resentment at what is seen as Whitehall's indifference to the South West. In his favour are his Devonian family roots and the fact that the Liberal Democrats came fourth in 1989.

The unknown factor is how the 53,220 Green Party votes of 1989 will be distributed on June 9. If they move to the Liberal Democrats the Tory nightmare scenario would become reality. With Devon's two main cities controlled by Labour and the county council conquered by the Liberal Democrats, losing the Euro constituency would leave only a handful of rural seats and seven vulnerable MPs flying a tattered flag for the once-mighty Tories in Devon.

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Devon hopefuls: Chester Long, left, a former railwayman who leads Exeter City Council; Michael Browning, top right, local Liberal Democrat leader, and Giles Chichester, Tory European Parliament candidate

Speeches reveal treasure-house of Tory thought

If you want to understand the future of the Conservative Party go to the Treasury. Distinctively different platforms are now being offered by Michael Portillo, the Chief Secretary, and Stephen Dorrell, the Financial Secretary. Their speeches have followed each other very closely, both earlier this year and now, with Mr Portillo's manifesto for Thatcherites on Friday and Mr Dorrell's lecture yesterday on the politics of the market place.

There is nothing as crude as a debate: neither mentions the other, nor is there a whisker between them on current policy. But their approaches, dare one say it "visions", reflect contrasting approaches.

Mr Portillo aspires to be the spokesman for the "quiet majority" — seeking to reverse the social changes of the past 30 years. For him a politician should be a moral leader, combating "progressive nonsense" and attempting "to make possible a society based on self-esteem". Governments must have "an ethical basis for the programmes that they pursue". This approach, with its references to "a world turned upside down", will appeal to grassroots Tories who are dismayed by social security scroungers, layabouts and militant teachers. No wonder Baroness Thatcher has annointed Mr Portillo.

By contrast, Mr Dorrell stresses the limitations on what politicians can, and should, do. Under the tendentious heading of "politicians should stick to their knitting", he argues that they should not attempt to do what they cannot deliver. His view of the Government's role does not stray into the moral sphere. There is no hint of any attempt to reverse the social changes since the 1960s. Mr Dorrell offers a traditional One Nation version of Tory social policy. The Government is responsible "for securing public goods outside the framework of a conventional market, for underwriting social stability through a system of law and law enforcement, for health care and the provision of a welfare safety net, and for delivering a high standard of education".

These differences on the role of politicians in social policy are, along with Europe, likely to be at the heart of the argument about the future of the party, whether in Government or in Opposition.

The debate is, however, very different from the dispute over economic policy, wets versus drys, of the early 1980s, in which Mr Dorrell was a lieutenant to Peter Walker. His language now may surprise those who tend to pigeonhole him as a left-of-centre Tory Reform Group interventionist. His lecture is intended to show that he believes in the role of the market in economic affairs as much as the keenest Thatcherite. Politicians should concentrate on their responsibility for providing macro-economic stability. In responding to voters' questions about "where will the growth come from?" — a traditional wet concern — he stresses consumers, rather than producers, and the supremacy of the market.

He argues that much political rhetoric about manufacturing is backward looking. Politicians should not seek to determine the share of activity to be accounted for by manufacturing. Nor should they attempt to provide strategic direction to business. They should not play the tycoon.

That fits in with his message that politicians and their electorates will have to understand the more qualified nature of their power. In seeking to show that he is no unreformed "wet" but now embraces markets, Mr Dorrell wants to broaden his appeal within the party. He and Mr Portillo are competing in the same political market place for the future of their party, and themselves.

PETER RIDDELL

Lib Dems storm Tory stronghold of Colchester

BY ARTHUR LEATHLEY, POLITICAL CORRESPONDENT

HISTORY rarely visits Colchester these days. However on May 5 the ancient garrison town may well claim a modest place in the Liberal Democrat annals.

Thirteen years after Paddy Ashdown's party won its first seat on Colchester Borough Council, it is poised to take overall control. And while that may not rank alongside Queen Boudicca's storming of the Romans at Colchester, it is viewed as an important milestone in Liberal Democrat history.

Victory will give the party control of one of the largest boroughs in the Home Counties, a vast patch of high Tory territory once considered impregnable. Mr Ashdown's visit to Colchester last week underlined the importance he attaches to gaining a power base in the South East.

For the Government, the sight of a large, traditionally Conservative, council falling into Liberal Democrat hands will send rumblings through the Tory fiefdom of North Essex and neighbouring Suffolk only weeks before the European elections.

Senior Tories in Colchester acknowledge that a further swing to the Liberal Democrats on the council will establish a platform from which the centre party will launch a concerted campaign to score its first electoral successes in European elections.



Ashdown: seeks power base in South East

With one-third of the 60 council seats being decided on May 5, the Liberal Democrats are looking not only at securing the single seat they require for overall control but are intent on inflicting a more damaging defeat on the Tories. Steve Cawley, the Liberal Democrat group leader, said: "It would be a considerable psychological blow for the Conservatives at this stage and we are targeting four of their six seats which are up for election." Local party workers express unusual confidence, realising that there is considerable disaffection with the Government among voters who supported John Major only two years ago.

Although the Tories are fighting an aggressive campaign, there are fears that poor results will have wider implications. John Lampon, leader of the Conservative group, said: "We need the help of local MPs and all parts of the party to ensure that we do not lose ground. We have to concentrate our efforts on the effects that a Liberal Democrat council would have in raising expenditure. Colchester has experienced this over the last few years and there will be a further massive increase as the Liberal Democrats try to buy popularity."

South of the one-time capital of England lie the vast swaths of Essex which turned Tory in 1979 and swept Margaret Thatcher into office. While locals wince at any suggestion of Essex Man, they retain an unshakeable admiration for Baroness Thatcher. Jacqueline Palmer, of Rowhedge, said: "I was always confident about being Conservative but this time I am not so sure. Everything seems to be in such a mess and we just don't have the leadership."

However, Mrs Palmer is one of many who are unwilling to commit themselves to another party, and canvassers acknowledge that abstentions are likely to be the form of protest for many Tories.

BNP fails to sign race pledge

The British National Party ignored an invitation yesterday to sign a joint declaration with the other party groups in Tower Hamlets, east London, promising to serve "a multiracial community".

The declaration, drawn up by the borough's Race Equality Council, said the parties would ensure that all residents were fairly treated, irrespective of race, and promised to make sure that voters were not harassed or intimidated when they went to the polling stations on May 5.

Peter Hughes, Liberal Democrat leader of the council, and John Biggs, the Labour opposition leader were the main signatories, and the Green Party and independents also took part in the signing ceremony.

Ilias Dickenson, a local Conservative candidate, said it had not been possible to attend but his party was ready to sign and stood by its record of non-racist electioneering.

In Hounslow, where the BNP is contesting one seat for the first time, the council has set up a 24-hour hotline to combat racist and offensive graffiti. Council officers have reported a marked increase in racist attacks over the past two years.

Campaign trail

Paddy Ashdown, the Liberal Democrat Leader, has been forced to bandage up his right wrist — because he has been shaking too many hands during the campaigns for by-elections, and the local and European elections.

In Parliament

Commons (2.30): Questions: health; Prime Minister. Police and Magistrates' Courts Bill, second reading. **Lords** (2.30): Coal Industry Bill, committee, first day.

Britain 'lagging' on research

BY NIGEL HAWKES, SCIENCE EDITOR

BRITAIN is spending far too little on science and technology, a report from an all-party committee of MPs says.

Even with a concerted effort it will take years to reverse the trend, and even longer to catch up with the amounts other developed countries spend, a report by the Commons Science and Technology Select Committee says. "Unless reforms are urgently undertaken the UK will remain less able to exploit science and technology than many of its competitors," it concludes.

In the past three or four decades, the committee says, Britain has fallen behind comparable-sized economies in the amount spent on research and development as a percentage of gross domestic product. The situation appears still worse if Britain is compared with industrial leaders such as Japan and Germany.

The MPs say these problems can only be tackled if the Government takes a lead, but warn that government action alone will not be enough. They commend the Office of Science and Technology for trying to create a climate in which innovation can flourish, but say that other departments need to be involved.

Howard faces new defeat

BY JONATHAN PRYNN

MICHAEL Howard was facing the possibility of fresh revolt in the Lords last night after Lord Runciman of Doxford, chairman of the 1991 Royal Commission on Criminal Justice, launched a devastating assault on the Government's proposals to abolish a suspect's right to silence.

Lord Runciman's criticism of the Government's Criminal Justice Bill, which was followed by a further attack from Lord Alexander, the Tory former chairman of the Bar Council, increases the prospect of the Lords inflicting defeats on yet another flagship government measure.

Lord Runciman, a cross-bencher, said that the Government's plan to allow juries to draw inferences from a suspect's failure to answer police or prosecution questions, increased the prospect of miscarriages of justice.

The proposals would "significantly expose frightened, vulnerable and inadequate suspects to undue and improper pressure which will risk wrongful conviction of a kind that still does go on, even now", he said.

It would also give defence counsel a "field day of legal argument" over what inferences could be drawn, and encourage aggressive defence cross-examination of police officers.

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Motorway tolls to start within four years

BY TIM JONES
TRANSPORT CORRESPONDENT

BRITAIN'S 21 million motorists can expect to pay for using the nation's 2,000 miles of motorway network within four years, John MacGregor, the Transport Secretary, said yesterday.

Mr MacGregor told representatives of more than 250 companies which hope to win contracts for a scheme which could be worth up to £500 million that they would need to ensure anything they came up with would be capable of handling 10,000 vehicles an hour on the M25 on a rough winter's night. He also told them their systems must be compatible with those operating in other European Community countries.

"What we are setting out to achieve is something which has been done nowhere else, a full electronic system on some 2,000 miles of motorway which is used by about 20 million motorists a year, perhaps just once in that year, perhaps every day of that year."

He told 600 delegates, representing international companies, that he would expect their systems to include the capacity for charging motorists more for using the network at peak periods in order to even out traffic flows. "If motorists could adopt a little more flexibility, then the capacity of our motorway networks would be far better utilised. There would be less congestion, less waste and less pollution."

Mr MacGregor said he expected the system to be able to provide motorists using smart card technology with a whole range of information ranging from congestion to the availability of public transport. He said motorists could expect to pay about £1.50 for a 100-mile journey, much less than in France or Italy.

The Government has ruled out toll booths as impractical and wants to introduce a form of electronic tolling with vehicles being equipped with a tag which would react to motorway beams.

Biggest party quits after Hata forms conservative group inside coalition

Japanese Socialists turn their backs on new Prime Minister

FROM GWEN ROBINSON IN TOKYO

TSUTOMU Hata was yesterday elected Japan's 51st Prime Minister — and the sixth leader in five years — by both houses of the Diet. Mr Hata, 58, the Deputy Prime Minister and Foreign Minister in the previous administration of Morihiro Hosokawa, defeated his rivals, Yohei Kono, president of the opposition Liberal Democratic Party, and Tetsuzo Fuwa, leader of the Japan Communist Party, on the strength of the parliamentary majority held by his seven-party coalition.

Just hours after his election Mr Hata, leader of Shinseito (Renewal Party), and his allies formed a new political group which last night split the ruling coalition when the Socialists announced they were leaving it and delayed the formation of a Cabinet. Mr Hata had earlier suggested the Cabinet would not change substantially from that of Mr Hosokawa. But it became apparent by late afternoon that Mr Hata and other coalition leaders were moving to isolate the Socialist wing and other fractious members.

The Socialists, as the largest party in the coalition, have wielded effective power to block or hinder policy initiatives of the conservative forces around Mr Hata's party. The most contentious issues have been tax reform — the Socialists have resisted raising consumption tax to offset income tax cuts — and security policy. Standing on a solidly pacifist platform, the Socialists have rejected efforts to formulate a detailed policy on the nuclear threat from North Korea.

Up to last Friday the Socialists had refused to allow inclusion of both policies in a common platform for the new administration. That resistance contributed to the delay of Mr Hata's nomination, leaving Japan without a successor to Mr Hosokawa for two weeks.

The emerging strategy of Mr Hata and his allies focuses on the formation of a coalition within a coalition, a 130-member parliamentary group comprising some independents and most big elements of the ruling coalition. The formation of the Kaishin, or Renovation, group, was announced yesterday by coalition officials. Its main members are Shinseito, Mr Hosokawa's New Japan Party and the Democratic Socialist Party. The Buddhist-backed Komeito, another conservative party, is expected to join the group later, say coalition sources. Pointedly excluded from the group were the Socialists and Sakigake, a small party led by Masayoshi Takemura, a former chief government spokesman.

"It's a strongly united grouping to support the new Prime Minister,', Keigo Ouchi, the DSP leader, said. "It is outrageous for them to suddenly initiate this group on the very day of a Cabinet formation", said Wataru Kubo, secretary-general of the Socialist Party. Mr Kubo accused Mr Hata and his colleagues of "betraying" the party after it had agreed to support Mr Hata's candidacy.



Tsutomu Hata standing in parliament yesterday to acknowledge the applause of his colleagues after being elected as Japan's sixth Prime Minister in five years

Russia vows to protect Jews from far-right extremists



Mr Chernomyrdin, left, greets Mr Rabin in Moscow

FROM RICHARD BEESTON IN MOSCOW

VIKTOR Chernomyrdin, the Russian Prime Minister, vowed yesterday that the anti-Semitism of Russia's past would never be allowed to resurface, despite the recent rise of far-right nationalism.

Speaking after meeting the visiting Israeli Prime Minister, Yitzhak Rabin, Mr Chernomyrdin insisted that the rights of the Jews in Russia would be protected against the "Zhirinovsky phenomenon".

"Our people of Jewish origin are not threatened by this and never will be ... and no Zhirinovskys can whip up anti-Semitic sentiments," the Russian leader said. He was responding to growing concerns here and abroad over the success of Vladimir Zhirinovsky, leader of the extremist Liberal Democratic Party, which won the largest number of seats in last December's parliamentary elections by campaigning on an overtly anti-Semitic platform.

Mr Chernomyrdin's assurances will do little to ease concern that populist nationalist groups will continue to grow by exploiting the country's present political and economic turmoil and blaming the Jews and other minorities. Similar tactics were used by the tsars, who instigated pogroms at the turn of the century.

According to the Union of Jewish Communities in the Commonwealth of Independent States, about 120,000 Jews left for good last year. Comments by the former Vice-President, Aleksandr Rutskoi, added to the uncertain political outlook. After four months in jail and two months of self-imposed silence, Mr Rutskoi said in a television interview that he was returning to politics and hopes to unite all opponents of President Yeltsin.

☐ Los Angeles: Alexander Solzhenitsyn, the Russian writer who won a Nobel Prize in 1970, lambasted the American press in a farewell television interview as "spiteful" and "as intolerant of criticism as was the case in Russia" (Giles Whittell writes). The remarks came as Solzhenitsyn was packing up at the Vermont home where he has lived for 18 years in readiness for his much-publicised return to Russia next month.

President unstinting in tribute to Nixon

FROM MARTIN FLETCHER IN WASHINGTON

AS AMERICA prepared yesterday to bury its first President since Lyndon Johnson in 1973, there was surprise in Washington over President Clinton's generosity to his predecessor, a man in many ways his political antithesis.

Mr Clinton will fly to California and, at Mr Nixon's request, deliver a eulogy at tomorrow's funeral. He has made available a presidential aircraft to fly Mr Nixon's body from New Jersey today. He has also ordered a day of national mourning and for flags to be flown at half-mast for 30 days. He even offered a state funeral in Washington, had Mr Nixon's family desired it.

The White House is playing a central role in organising the funeral at Mr Nixon's presidential library. The ceremony will be attended by nearly 1,800 national and world dignitaries.

In his actions and his unstinting verbal tributes, Mr Clinton has gone considerably further than was necessary, and particularly for a man who left the Oval Office in disgrace and with whom, at first sight, he had so little in common. To compound matters, Hillary Clinton worked for the congressional committee that voted to impeach Mr Nixon over Watergate.

There is certainly an element of political calculation in Mr Clinton's approach. Democrats can hardly criticise Mr Clinton for his generosity towards Mr Nixon, and it just might win over some Republicans. The President "had everything to gain and nothing to lose by acting magnanimously and assuming a proper presidential dignity", as one senior White House official was quoted as saying.

But beyond that it appears that the two men really did enjoy what Mr Clinton called an "unusual but prized relationship".

NEWS IN BRIEF

Hawaii set to allow gay marriages

New York: Hawaii appears likely to become the first state in America to legalise homosexual marriage (James Bone writes).

Three homosexual couples won a ruling from Hawaii's highest court that the ban on homosexual unions violates the state constitution by denying homosexuals the same legal and financial benefits as heterosexuals. The lower court hearing the case is expected to decide that there is no "compelling state interest" in keeping the ban.

Coup fails

Nairobi: Four Burundi army captains were arrested in the effort to topple interim President Ntibantunganya and paratroops who supported them abandoned their arms and fled, an army spokesman said. (AP)

Arena wins

San Salvador: El Salvador's ruling Arena party has comfortably won the presidential elections, defeating the left-wing opposition alliance of Rubén Zamora. Arena's Armando Calderón Sol won 68 per cent of the vote.

Radicals killed

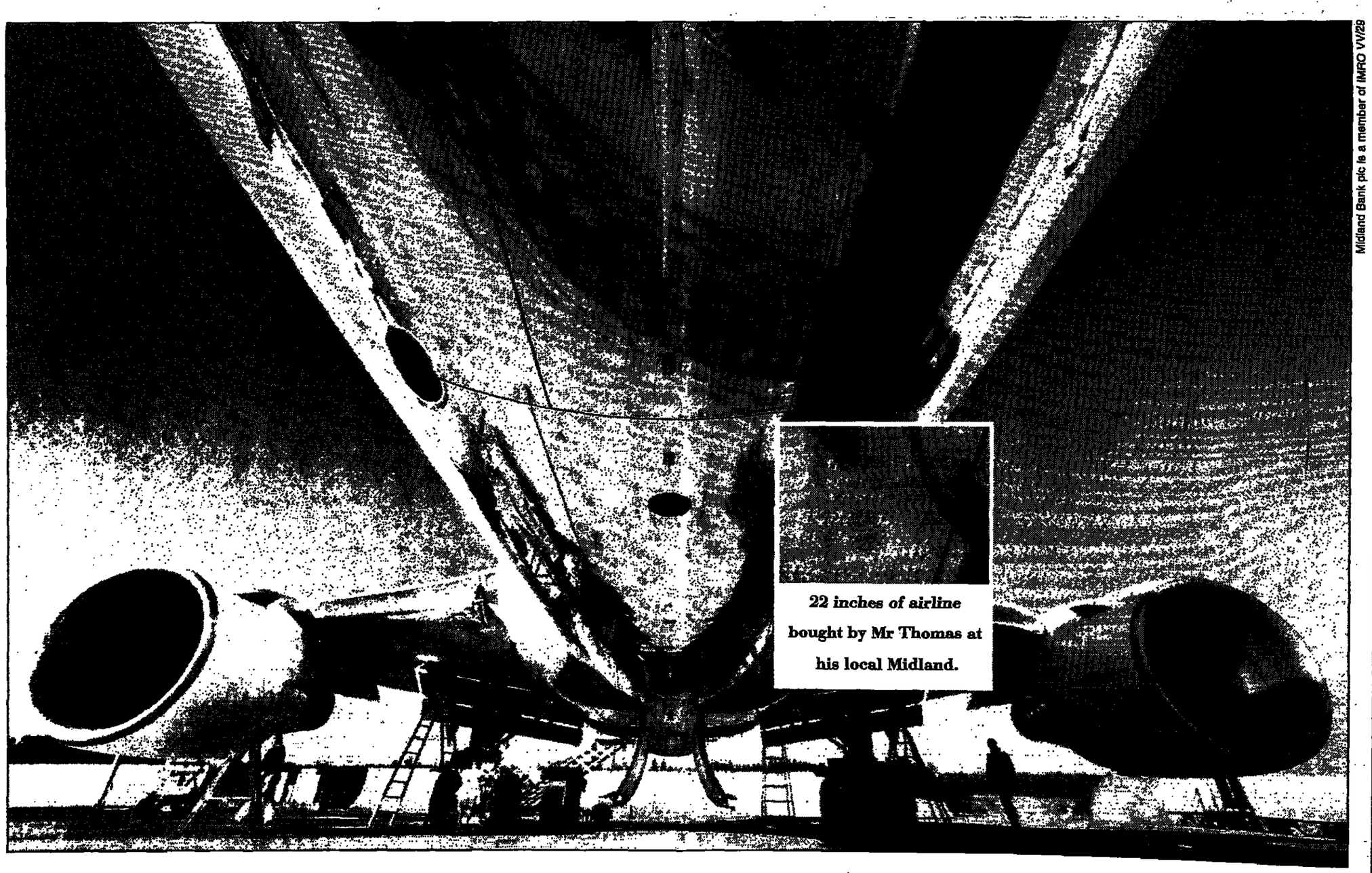
Cairo: Talaat Yassin Hamam, leader of Gamaa al-Islamiya, Egypt's main Islamic radical group, was killed when police raided his Cairo hideout. Four Muslim extremists aged 19 to 23 were killed in a raid in Assiut. (AP)

Farmers march

Hong Kong: Hundreds of farmers carrying empty coffins inscribed with names of government officials went on the march to protest against tough new anti-pollution laws in the colony. (Reuter)

Sent home

Miami: The US Coast Guard is repatriating 98 Haitian boat people who were rescued off the coast of Haiti last week. Another group of 41 was last week brought ashore at Ford Lauderdale. (Reuter)



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Rose says arms deadline will be met but Russian defence chief berates Nato

UN evacuation of Gorazde wounded gathers pace

By Joel Brand in Sarajevo, Eve-Ann Prentice and Our Foreign Staff

THE evacuation of injured residents from Gorazde was speeded up yesterday as more United Nations peacekeepers were deployed along the front line and Bosnian Serb forces were reportedly withdrawing their heavy weapons.

Lieutenant-General Sir Michael Rose, the UN commander in Bosnia, said he believed the Serbs would meet tomorrow's Nato deadline to pull their heavy weapons from a 12-mile area around Gorazde. "I am fairly confident they will. I believe they are actually withdrawing at the moment. We have seen many signs of that," he told the BBC.

Russia meanwhile showed new signs yesterday of distancing itself from Western policy on Bosnia. Pavel Grachev, the Defence Minister, sharply criticised Nato air strikes against Bosnian Serbs, saying they had achieved nothing and could "make the whole conflict explode beyond control". General Grachev also criticised Nato's military skills.

His comments appeared at odds with recent statements by Andrei Kozyrev, the Foreign Minister, and Vitali Churkin, special envoy to the former Yugoslavia, who said the Serbs had broken a Russian-brokered ceasefire and suggested that limited air strikes would be appropriate. Mr Kozyrev seemed to support limited retaliation, saying the Serb assault on Gorazde was "criminal" and the only alternative to air strikes would be "Bosnian Serbs fulfilling their responsibilities". Mr Churkin said at the weekend he was considering stepping down as Russia's peace envoy because he was too involved emotionally. "I should find shortly a proper moment to draw a line under my stormy activity . . . and make room for another, probably less emotional person," he said.

In Sarajevo, Mary McLoughlin, an Irish doctor who spent the past month in Gorazde, yesterday recounted the horrors of the Serb siege and said that in the three weeks in which the UN and Nato had prevaricated, hundreds of residents died. She spoke as two helicopters out of Gorazde carried 15 wounded to Sarajevo.



Dr McLoughlin, who works for the UN High Commissioner for Refugees, said that at times shells fell on the city every few seconds and snipers fired constantly on civilians.

"When a house was shelled, if any survivors managed to get out to the street, they risked being shot down by snipers," she said. In many cases wounded lay crying out for help or moaning for hours in the ruins of buildings until night fell.

The doctor, 37, said that from the moment when the Serbs launched their final offensive on the town last week, there was no doubt that they were deliberately aiming at civilians. Getting to the hospital meant dodging sniper bullets, shells and machine-gun fire. But once there, often little could be done for the wounded.

"The hospital was targeted incessantly, this was no accident," Dr McLoughlin said. "They knew exactly what they were targeting."

An anaesthetist from Médecins Sans Frontières lived in the hospital and other relief workers visited it regularly. They said there was absolutely no evidence that it was a "military installation," as Serb political leaders have claimed, to justify continued firing on the facility.

The UN has told Nato that it will not block air strikes again if the Bosnian Serbs defy the terms of tomorrow's ultimatum. Manfred Wörner, Nato Secretary-General, reportedly received personal assurances from Boutros Boutros Ghali, the UN Secretary-General, after the alliance was refused permission to strike Serb forces attacking Gorazde on Saturday.

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Pilar Broncano, a Spanish army member of a UN humanitarian aid mission bound for Split in Croatia, saying goodbye to her boyfriend at Seville airport yesterday

Homage paid to Mussolini mars rallies on liberation day

From John Phillips in Rome

ITALIANS commemorated the 49th anniversary of the Allied liberation from Fascism yesterday as a furore raged over remarks by the newly elected Speaker of Parliament, Irene Pivetti, praising Benito Mussolini.

Umberto Bossi, the Northern League leader, was greeted with boos, whistles and cries of "Fascist" when he tried to join a Liberation Day demonstration attended by about 200,000 people in Milan. Police hustled Signor Bossi away as demonstrators hurled insults at him for joining Silvio Berlusconi's right-wing Freedom Alliance with the neo-Fascist National Alliance.

Signor Berlusconi is expected to be named Prime Minister-designate later this month after his victory in the general election last month. He did not join the rallies but attended a Mass for all Italy's war dead at his villa's private chapel. Left-wing leaders had called for a big turnout for the Liberation Day ceremonies to express disapproval of the proposed entry of the neo-Fascists to the government for the first time since the Second World War.

On the eve of the anniversary, Signora Pivetti, 31, of the Northern League, said: "The best things for women and the family were done by Mussolini. Afterwards nothing more was done."

Tina Anselmi, a former anti-Fascist partisan and president of Italy's Equal Opportunity Commission, replied that, under Fascism, women could be sacked if they married or became pregnant. "They were barred from some professions, did not have careers and not even equal rights within the family."

Signora Pivetti's election as Speaker was criticised by Jewish groups and the Israeli media because of remarks she has made in the past that have bordered on anti-Semitic. Last month the National Alliance leader, Gianfranco Fini, attracted similar criticism when he described Mussolini as the greatest statesman of the century. Signor Fini yesterday attended a special "Mass for national pacification" organised by his party at a church in Rome. He said that Liberation Day should be an occasion for reconciliation.

Signor Fini describes himself as "post-Fascist", but he has had difficulty restraining more extreme National Alliance members, some of whom want Signor Berlusconi's government to redraw the frontiers with Slovenia and Croatia to reclaim territory lost by Italy during the Second World War. The flamboyant neo-Fascist MP, Teodoro Buontempo, provoked further outrage by proposing a Bill to reopen state-run brothels, closed in Italy in 1958.

A series of television programmes showing unedited Pentagon film archive material of the Allied invasion of Italy was watched by millions of Italians this month. Footage shown for the first time on state-run RAI television of three young Fascist saboteurs dying bravely as they were shot by an American firing squad evoked an emotional response from some National Alliance MPs, who called the three heroes.

At a rally in Florence yesterday, the mayor, Giorgio Morales, condemned plans mooted by Signor Berlusconi and his allies to change the constitution to introduce a federalist system and direct election of the President. "It should be said very clearly that this would be unacceptable and would stir up very strong opposition," he said.

President Scalfaro yesterday laid a wreath and spent a minute in meditation at a monument to Jews killed by the Nazis.

Serbs likely to exploit loophole in 'safe areas' policy

From Tim Judah in Belgrade

■ **Serb arms withdrawn from Sarajevo in February ended up round Gorazde, with devastating effect. Similar scenes are likely elsewhere if Nato extends air cover**

THE move by Nato to extend air cover to protect the United Nations "safe areas" in Bosnia could result in new humiliations. When the original exclusion zone was implemented around Sarajevo in February, some of the Serb heavy artillery surrounding the city was hauled off to Gorazde. The new exclusion zones could have exactly the same unintended effect: the seeds of a fresh crisis might have been sown already.

Several battles are now brewing, but when they begin in earnest Nato will be caught out because, as terrible reports of civilian casualties begin to flood in, it will find its aircraft flying round the wrong places without a mandate to intervene. The next area of confrontation is being signposted in the Serbian media. It is the strategic northern corridor, a narrow strip of land linking Serbia with Serb-held territories in western Bosnia and Croatia. At its narrowest, at Brcko, it is a mere three miles wide, which means that, unless it is widened, it will always remain vulnerable to Croat and Muslim attack.

The news from Gorazde in recent weeks has overshadowed events in the corridor, but every day there are reports of clashes along it, a further indication that Serbs are being prepared for battles there. The Belgrade news agency Tanjug has even claimed that British UN troops in the nearby Maglaj region have been firing on Serb positions.

General Manojlo Milovanovic, the Bosnian Serb chief of staff, said recently: "We have decided to concentrate our forces and defend Serb territory between Brcko and Doboj." He also warned the Croats and Muslims about the consequences of provocations in the Posavina area, through which the corridor runs. Some analysts in Belgrade believe that stories of Muslim "provocations" in the Gorazde area prompting a counter-offensive were untrue, but they say that there are minor Muslim and Croat attacks along the corridor. Those, they believe, will give the Bosnian Serb military exactly the pretext it is looking for to attack.

Dejan Anastasijevic, of the weekly *Vreme*, says that Muslim and Croat forces find themselves in a dilemma. While it is possible that by concentrating all their forces they might be able to cut the corridor, "at the same time they are aware that, in case they do cut it, Serb retaliation will be terrible".

They are also aware that the Serbs could use their attacks as a pretext for an offensive to widen it. Two other areas of conflict that will leave Nato floundering could be a Serb attempt to cut the main road leading north to Tuzla, at Olovo, and a potentially embarrassing situation in the Bihac area. There the Bosnian army is fighting on two fronts, against the Serbs and Fikret Abdic, the rebel Muslim leader. If the Serbs supply Mr Abdic with "excluded" artillery, which he then uses to pound Bihac, Nato will find itself having to fly combat missions against Muslims.

There is also the distinct possibility that the Bosnian army will increase its provocations in several places in an attempt to humiliate Nato and thus drag it deeper into the war.

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Normandy veterans get the jump on Pentagon

From Martin Fletcher in Washington

FORTY American veterans who parachuted into Normandy at the start of the D-Day invasion have persuaded a reluctant Pentagon to let them repeat their feat in June's 50th anniversary commemorations.

The elderly jumpers, aged from 68 to 83, were told at the weekend they will be allowed to perform their encore at the end of the official June 5 programme at the French town of St Mère Eglise, although in truth they had given the Pentagon little choice. They had found their own planes and parachutes and were determined to go ahead anyway.

Richard Mandich, the 69-year-old head of the Return to Normandy group, said yesterday that he and his colleagues had been pressing since December for the Pentagon's permission, but with little success because of the risks involved. In February the veterans each performed three jumps without a hitch.

Mr Mandich described René Dussaq, the 83-year-old, as a tough individual. That may be so, but in February Mr Dussaq told *The Washington Post* that he had been "coming to pieces in the last few years. I have had a cancer operation, a collapsed lung, a hernia, a bad leg. I have asthma. The other day the doctor said to me: 'René, you must reconcile yourself that you will never feel the way you were when you were 80.' Now that's a hell of a thing to hear."

Galapagos tortoises still at risk

London: Fires burning on Isabela, the largest Galapagos island, have been restrained but colonies of giant tortoises are still at risk, Ecuadorean authorities said yesterday (Lucy Berrington writes).

Reports that some tortoises have perished in the blaze are unfounded. Trenches have partly controlled flames that were within two miles of the tortoise colonies on the Sierra Negra volcano. The success of the firebreaks depends on wind direction, which currently favours the tortoises.

Minister dies

Athens: Giorgos Gennimatas, the Greek National Economy Minister, has died of lung cancer. Gennimatas, 55, was one of the founding members of Pasok, the socialist party. He will lie in state in Athens cathedral before his funeral later today. *(AP)*

Eau Calcutta

Paris: Pierre Cardin, the French fashion designer and perfume maker, has gone to India to open his first boutiques there. The shops will be in Bombay, Delhi and Calcutta. Cardin has also signed more than 25 contracts with China. *(AFP)*

Alia for trial

Tirana: Ramiz Alia, Albania's last communist President, and nine other former officials are to be tried next month for abuses of power, including ordering summary executions and compulsory atheism, under the country's former regime. *(AFP)*

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How main parties line up at the start of elections



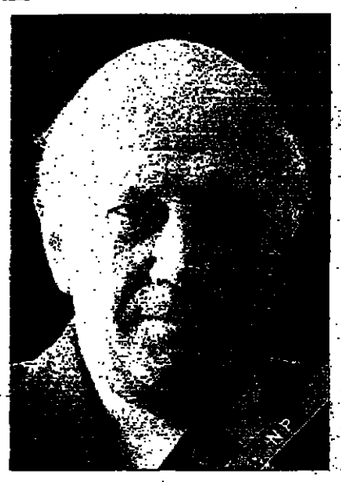
CLARENCE MAKWETU, 63, leads the radical Pan Africanist Congress, founded in 1959 by a breakaway faction of the ANC. Before suspending its "armed struggle" in January, the PAC used the slogan "one settler, one bullet" and the Azanian People's Liberation Army, its guerrilla wing, attacked whites. The PAC wants land returned to dispossessed blacks and greater state control of the economy. It seems strongest in the Cape Town and Port Elizabeth areas. Militant black youths around Cape Town have identified themselves with the killers of Amy Biehl, the American exchange student who was killed last year by a mob chanting the PAC slogan.



NELSON MANDELA, 75, president of the African National Congress, spent 27 years in prison for his fight against apartheid. The left-wing ANC, which is expected to win a clear majority in the 400-seat National Assembly, has moderated its policies with the approach of the elections and has moved away from its initial entrenched policy of nationalisation. It now officially advocates a mixed economy, and during the campaign Mr Mandela made a point of appealing to the business vote. The ANC promises lower taxes for those earning less than 4,000 rand (£240) a month. It pledges to provide work and training for 2.5 million more people over the next decade.



ZACH DE BEER, 65, is a doctor and businessman, as well as a politician. He heads the Democratic Party, which was formed in 1989 when the Progressive Federal Party (PFP), the Independent Party and the National Democratic Movement merged. The PFP had a history of opposition to apartheid. Helen Suzman was its most celebrated member when she sat in parliament. The Democratic Party portrays itself as the only national party with "clean hands". It supports individual rights and a free-market economy. The reform of the National Party has diminished the prospects for the Democratic Party as a liberal anti-apartheid movement.



FREDERIK WILLEM DE KLERK, 58, leads the National Party, which institutionalised apartheid and has ruled South Africa since 1948. As state President, Mr de Klerk turned the party on its head in 1990 by announcing that he was abolishing apartheid, freeing Nelson Mandela and "unbanning" black liberation movements. The National Party presents itself as a centre-right, non-racial party with the experience to lead South Africa into the post-apartheid future. Mr de Klerk, who replaced President Botha in a Cabinet coup in 1989, told *The Times* this year that he decided to end white rule to avert a "devastating revolution" in the country.



MANGOSUTHU BUTHELEZI, 65, took his Inkatha Freedom Party into the election process at the last minute after an agreement to reinforce the status of King Goodwill Zwelithini of the Zulus and its KwaZulu-Natal heartland. Chief Buthelezi split with the ANC in the late 1970s and there has been savage Inkatha-ANC conflict among the Zulus, the largest ethnic group in South Africa. Inkatha advocates conservative, free-market policies and harnessing resources to fight poverty, unemployment, homelessness and hunger. It demands entrenched powers for provincial governments, such as the right to levy taxes and form their own armies.



CONSTAND VILJOEN, 60, the former chief of the South African Defence Force, broke ranks with white hardliners who were boycotting the elections and demanding an Afrikaner homeland. Last month he formed the Freedom Front. This includes former members of the pro-apartheid Conservative Party, which was represented in the last white parliament but opposes the elections. The Freedom Front wants a white homeland or *volkstaat*, but believes this cannot be achieved by abstaining from the polls. It hopes to pick up votes from the right wing of the National Party. It says that protecting minorities' rights and self-determination will bring peace.

Extremists wage doomed campaign to avert black rule

FROM INIGO GILMORE IN JOHANNESBURG

A SMALL group of diehard extremists is trying to disrupt this week's democratic elections, with murderous results. But the car bombs appear to be a desperate, doomed attempt by marginalised extremists to prevent black majority rule.

The reality behind the bombs is that moderates have gained the upper hand in the battle for the heart of South Africa's white right wing — at least for the moment. The decision by General Constand Viljoen to lead the Freedom Front Party into elections has sidelined radical elements of the right wing who insist they will not "condone a totally unacceptable constitution and capitulation to the African National Congress communists".

Most members of the white right share the common goal of a volkstaat, or white homeland. But they are divided on the way to achieve it. The differences surfaced last month when General Viljoen, the former defence chief, decided to register the Freedom Front to contest the election on the grounds that the poll would demonstrate the extent of white support for a volkstaat. The Conservative Party, under the leadership of Dr Ferdi Hartzenberg of the Afrikaner Volksfront, a far right umbrella group, refused to accept this concept of a "transitional process".

Last week's attempt by General Viljoen to persuade Dr Hartzenberg and the AVF to join the elections only heightened the tensions within the right further. Dr Hartzenberg demanded guarantees for a fully independent volkstaat as

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a condition of his participation. And to the right of Dr Hartzenberg are the hard men of the neo-Nazi Afrikaner Resistance Movement (AWB), led by the avowedly racist Eugene Terre'Blanche.

Professor Robert Schrire of Cape Town University, an expert on the South African right, suggests that as the disparate groups of extreme white hardliners become more isolated in the new South Africa they will be drawn closer together. "The white right had held back from violent acts, hoping that General Viljoen would lead an uprising against the new government," Professor Schrire said. "Chief Buthelezi's decision to participate in the elections made them desperate."

Professor Schrire does not believe the terrorist campaign will be sustained over a long period. "Most of the right-wing whites are on board with Viljoen. Those remaining outside are expressing feelings of anger. Their acts are nothing but the dying gasp of desperate people."

However, the terror campaign may have a negative impact on the more moderate Freedom Front. South African voters are now more likely to vote for mainstream parties such as the ANC, and more particularly President de Klerk's National Party. General Viljoen's association with extremists in the Volksfront may come back to haunt him.

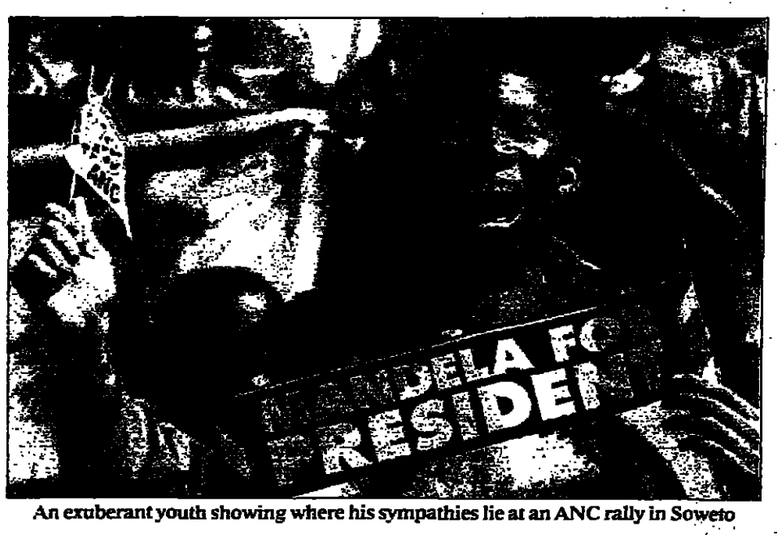
Front party officials are nonetheless confident they can muster between 800,000 and 1.2 million votes. Certainly Afrikaners seem to have been warming to them in the last days of the campaign. The *Volkstaat* accord, signed by the ANC, Freedom Front and government in Pretoria last Saturday, makes provision for voters' second ballot to be used to determine how much support the volkstaat commands. Thirty to 49 per cent support in any given region will be sufficient to secure the region as part of future negotiations over a volkstaat.

If General Viljoen wins substantial support, he will be in a stronger position to marginalise hardliners. If he does not, more Afrikaners may reach for guns and dynamite. The AWB is planning to use intimidation and road blocks to disrupt voting in the Orange Free State and Transvaal. The question is whether it really has the capacity to wage a sustained military campaign.

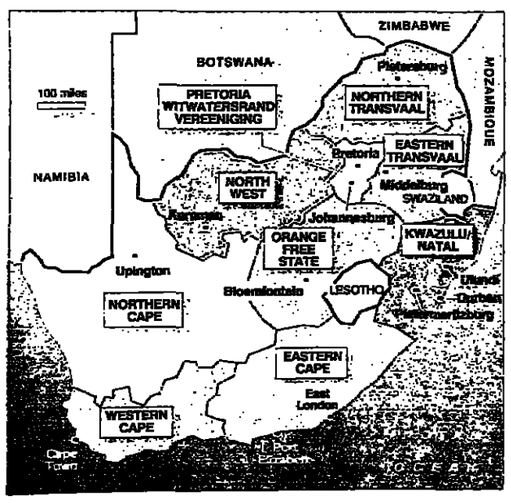
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An AWB supporter listening to Eugene Terre'Blanche at a rally near Johannesburg



An exuberant youth showing where his sympathies lie at an ANC rally in Soweto



Inkatha's late poll entry may snatch victory from ANC

FROM SAM KILEY IN DURBAN

THIS week's election in KwaZulu-Natal will pit the traditionalism of rural societies — led by clan chiefs and laissez-faire economics — against urban radicalised youth who see their salvation in Marx.

Most opinion polls show that the African National Congress, which is dominated by the Communist Party in this province, is likely to win most of the four million potential voters in KwaZulu-Natal, but it may not win the majority.

If the ANC wins any less than 50 per cent of the vote in the Zulu heartland, it could spark another round of violence. After months of negotiations and political killings, mainly among Zulu ANC and Inkatha Freedom Party supporters, the last-minute inclusion of the IFP could snatch victory from the ANC.

The ANC is desperate for a strong showing. Victory by a large margin would undermine Inkatha's demands for a sovereign Zulu state, or a federal system in South Africa — the thorniest constitutional and security problem that will face a new central government. Most analysts believe, however, that the ANC may fall slightly short of the 50 per cent of votes it needs to take more than 40 of the 80 seats in the provincial legislature. Indian and white votes are likely to be evenly distributed among the three main parties.

A strong showing by Inkatha, which could win 30 per cent support in the region (giving it four national seats in addition to any won outside its heartland), would bolster its demands for a form of federalism from the right-wing Freedom Front (FF), led by General Constand Viljoen, and pave the way for a coalition between the two parties within the national parliament.

The FF has already secured an agreement with the government and the ANC that this week's ballot will also serve as an opinion poll on the establishment of a *volkstaat* homeland for Afrikaners. The elections in KwaZulu-Natal will be seen as a test of the claim made by Chief Mangosuthu Buthelezi, the IFP leader, that most Zulus want an independent state.

The civil war between Inkatha's mainly Zulu supporters from the rolling grasslands and cane fields and the radicalised, younger ANC supporters in factores and townships, has claimed at least 10,000 lives in the past three years. Opinion polls conducted before Inkatha boycotted the electoral process showed the party's support hovering close to 25per cent in KwaZulu-Natal. "Inkatha probably scored a little low because of the danger and difficulty of opinion polling in areas where it was strongest," said Professor Mervyn Frost, head of Natal University's politics department. "It may score up to around 30 per cent".

However, the intimidation of electoral officials and the refusal of Inkatha chiefs to allow any parties to campaign in their areas until the last minute may backfire on them. Over the weekend the Independent Electoral Commission was searching for polling stations, while Inkatha leaders, many of them named as being behind political murders, rushed to voter-education workshops to learn how democracy works.

Inkatha's main problem is that, having boycotted the elections for so long, many of its supporters have no idea how to vote. The party stands to lose perhaps tens of thousands of ballots in its own favour.

A less than 50 per cent poll for the ANC would force the party into an uncomfortable local coalition aliance with long-time political enemies.

Coloureds hold master key

FROM STEPHEN TAYLOR IN CAPE TOWN

PAT Sonn will take deep satisfaction tomorrow morning as he puts his cross to a South African election ballot for the first time since 1953. Now aged 82, Mr Sonn was one of 23,000 Coloureds struck off the common voters' role by the Nationalists three years later, and he is not going to miss what may be his last chance to vote.

As one of a very small number with memories of the former Cape Colony's relatively liberal franchise laws, Mr Sonn is being eagerly quizzed by members of his community about his voting intentions — not least because those who know him well say that this devout and dignified former teacher leans towards President de Klerk's National Party. "Please don't ask," he says. "I am an old man and this is an election for the young." Then, hinting at a Nationalist vote, he adds: "But I think it is in our interests as a region that we get a variety of opinion in the new parliament."

Among the younger generation is his son, Franklin, principal of the Cape's technical college. He has no qualms about stating his intentions and has been campaigning vigorously for the ANC. "The survival of us Coloureds lies in unifying with the black working class," he says. "If the Nationalists win in the Cape, there is going to be a lot of resentment towards us. Cape Town will lose out on investment and services." The significance of the Coloured vote is that the mixed-race group constitutes 57 per cent

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of the Western Cape's 3.7 million electorate. Blacks account for 24 per cent and whites 21 per cent. Coloureds will decide which party gains a majority in the regional assembly, and despite the ANC's insistence that late campaigning has seen a big swing in its favour among the undecided, most predictions are that the Nationalists will prevail in the Western Cape and in the Northern Cape, the country's least populated province.

In the last large-scale opinion poll, conducted by the Institute for Multi-Party Democracy, the National Party was the first choice of 36 per cent of Cape voters, followed by the ANC with 28 per cent, the Democratic Party with 6 per cent, and the PAC and white right with 2 per cent each. The remainder were undecided. Among Coloured voters, 45 per cent supported the Nationalists and 18 per cent the ANC.

Those ANC officials willing to acknowledge that they are up against it in the Cape express astonishment at the Nationalists' choice of candidate for the regional premiership. Hernus Kriel is a controversial figure as Minister of Law and Order, a conservative who does not suit the Nationalists' new image of a reforming party which has turned its back on the racist past. There is general agreement that, had the candidate been Dawie de Villiers, the popular former Springbok rugby captain and party provincial leader, the Nationalists would have been unbeatable.

Allan Boesak, the ANC candidate, is also a controversial choice. Although Dr Boesak, a former church minister, still pulls the crowd, he does not have the unqualified support even of Coloured ANC members, many of whom disapprove of his well-publicised marital difficulties. Whoever wins this week, there are grounds for hoping that, here at least, the vanquished will accept defeat with good grace.

Zulu factor fires Nationalist hope

BY MICHAEL HAMLYN, SOUTHERN AFRICA CORRESPONDENT

THOSE who watched *Zulu* on BBC2 at the weekend will know the feeling: thousands of followers of Mangosuthu Buthelezi (who played King Cetewayo in the film) pouring over hastily constructed defences carrying cowhide shields, stabbing spears and guns.

The late entry of Chief Buthelezi, leader of the Inkatha Freedom Party, into the general election that begins today has come upon the other parties with something of the surprise the Welshmen defending Rorke's Drift felt when the Zulu impis appeared over the horizon: they knew it was possible, but it seemed unlikely.

Nowhere is this more true than in the new province called the PWV (Pretoria-Witwatersrand-Vereeniging), the commercial and industrial heartland centred on Johannesburg, where the entry of Chief Buthelezi's party decisively changes the psephological mathematics. Thousands of Zulu men live in single-sex migrant hostels in mining townships spread through the region, from Witbank in the east to Carletonville in the west.

Until last week they appeared likely to boycott the election. Now they intend to turn out and vote in massive numbers. Virtually all their votes will go to Inkatha. According to the National Party, this leaves the African National Congress at a distinct disadvantage and could result in the PWV slipping from their control. Olaus van Zyl, campaign

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manager for the Nationalists, who is also prime ministerial candidate for the PWV, said that, according to his most recent polling material, the ANC had less than 50 per cent of the vote. "We are still not the strongest party," he admitted, before adding more in hope than expectation: "But we could make it by election day."

If the ANC is kept below 50 per cent, there is the possibility that the more extremist Pan Africanist Congress (PAC) could hold the balance of power in the provincial assembly. At the weekend the PAC indicated that it was not ruling out a post-election coalition with the ANC. It would be up to its prime ministerial candidate to decide. Mr van Zyl maintained: "If we can keep the ANC and the PAC below 50 per cent, this raises all kinds of interesting possibilities."

R.F. "Pik" Botha, the Foreign Minister, who is also leader of the National Party in Transvaal, said that, in such circumstances, the National Party would form a coalition with two other parties to keep the ANC from office. "I think it would be politically unwise to mention the two parties I have in mind, but their policies and programmes are more or less in line with ours," he said. It was clear, however, that he meant Inkatha and the liberal Democratic Party, which both have an economic stance similar to the National Party's.

The last weekend of electioneering in the PWV has been marked by multiple calls for reconciliation and peace from party leaders, but little sign of a willingness to make peace by their followers. In the First National Bank stadium in Soweto, Nelson Mandela wound up his campaign here with an impassioned appeal for peace, but his followers greeted him with a burst of fire from at least one AK47 automatic assault rifle and a volley of shots from other weapons.

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After decades of international isolation, the country need thank nobody for this triumph but itself

Electorate wakes up to first taste of democracy



There is no way this will pass muster as a free and fair election Western style, but the term must be bent to validate a new president, writes ***Simon Jenkins*** *in Johannesburg*

Trial by bombing is the final, awful test for any democracy. Today South Africa will pass that test — albeit amid a storm of fire, bodies and broken glass. The bombs that exploded yesterday and on Sunday, apparently the work of the far right, will not stop today's voting.

My observation is that they have made South Africans even more determined. The country's anticipation is palpable, earnest, often sentimental. Television shows clips of lion cubs playing with lambs in church. Businessmen place pleading advertisements: "Don't play games with civil war, remember Bosnia." Radio phone-ins advise how to protect pets from election stress. Bombs will not change this.

A test of a democracy is how it reacts to terrorism. The response of Nelson Mandela and President de Klerk could teach Western politicians a lesson in maturity. Both refuse to turn the bombs to political advantage. The president of the African National Congress calmly told a rally in Durban to "leave the task of dealing with law and order to the security forces". Even the Johannesburg ANC leader, Tokyo Sexwale, called at the scene of Sunday's blast for "maximum restraint and no retaliation". The right-wing Freedom Front called the bombs despicable.

Only Inkatha's Chief Mangosuthu Buthelezi was unwise enough to say that the bombs showed "that there will not be a free and fair election". He, more than any bombs, will be largely responsible for that. Few now doubt that the last-minute entry of Inkatha was orchestrated for publicity and to give Mr Buthelezi an excuse should his party underperform.

For all this, a bizarre procession of soldiers, the disabled, jet travellers and pregnant women will today lead a cavalcade into the booths on day one of the county's first universal election. In their horror and carnage, bombs are South African familiars.

A free election is unique. Some 5,000 foreign journalists and as many rubber-necking observers, monitors and election junkies have given the South Africans an unprecedented morale boost. As the world's politicians and network stars roam the hotel lobbies of Johannesburg and the white parliament in Cape Town dissolves itself, locals pinch themselves to see if it is true.

Any fool can pour scorn on this election. The Independent Electoral Commission (IEC) has been shambolic, as was the peacekeeping force formed to guard electioneering in the townships. The IEC even moved offices a month ago after a dispute with its landlord over rent. There is a chronic shortage of invigilators and guards for some 10,000 polling stations; some IEC staff are blatantly biased; rural blacks remain ignorant of the election; and lists of candidates incomplete.

There is no way this will pass muster as a free and fair election Western style, certainly not in Natal. The only question is how far the term can be bent to validate a new president who simply must be validated. The whole world is coming to enthrone Nelson Mandela in two weeks' time.

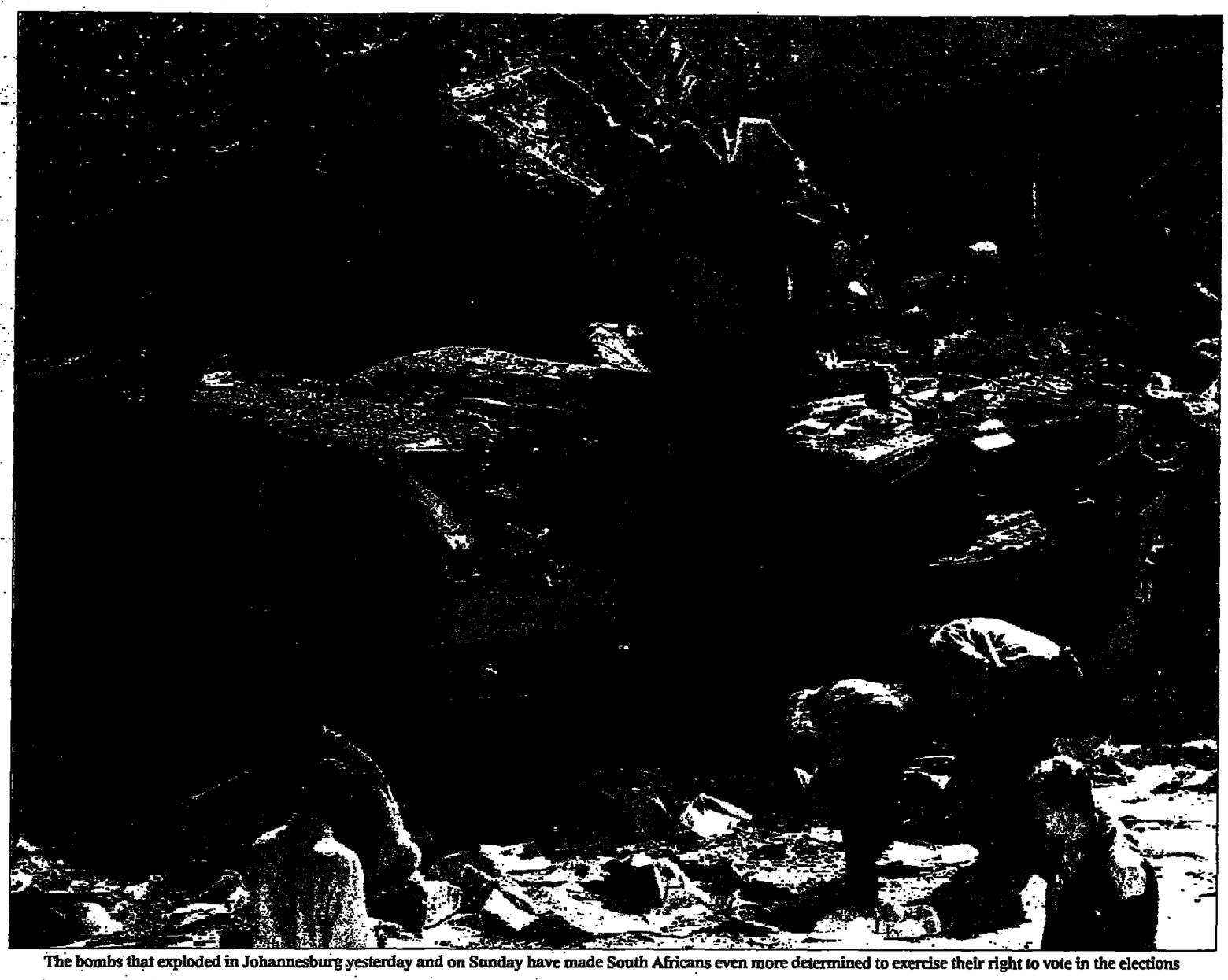
Yet if the pot of electoral responsibility can seem half empty, it is also half full. I have been visiting South Africa for 15 years and even Sunday's Bree Street bomb, still ringing in my ears, cannot dent my amazement. It is astonishing that every substantive party, from apartheid fanatics to far left militants, have found a place on today's ballot sheet.

It is astonishing that the fanatic right has not been able to mobilise anything more than a last minute bombing campaign and a handful of roadblocks. It is astonishing that Mr Mandela and President de Klerk could reach an agreement with both Chief Buthelezi and a coalition of the old Conservative Party under General Constand Viljoen.

However low the rural turnout, however many the spoilt papers, however horrific the bombs this will not be a banana republic election made farcical by opposition boycotts. Even the interim constitution — with no constituencies and proportional representation giving immense power to party machines — has proved its cunning. Just 1 per cent of the vote nationwide gives a party a seat in the constituent assembly, 5 per cent will secure a seat in the cabinet. Since that assembly will last five years and be responsible for drawing up a final constitution, the 1 per cent was a powerful incentive for every party to participate. It worked.

Heaven knows there will be opportunity enough to ridicule South Africa's new democracy. Today the country has pulled off the last sort of coup it thought it would see during the 1990s, a proper election with the whole world watching.

Having lived apart and ostracised for a third of a century, South Africa need thank nobody for this triumph but itself.



The bombs that exploded in Johannesburg yesterday and on Sunday have made South Africans even more determined to exercise their right to vote in the elections



As parliament dissolved itself on the eve of voting, South Africans were pinching themselves to see if it was true

Archbishop hails democratic miracle as whites flee ballot battle

Campaigner to vote at site of protests

BY ANDREW PIERCE

AFTER decades of leading protests at South Africa House, seen by many as the symbol of apartheid in London, Archbishop Trevor Huddleston will set foot in the building for the first time today to vote in the country's elections.

The 80-year-old, who since leaving South Africa in 1956 has spearheaded the international campaign against apartheid, admitted he had never wanted to cross the threshold of the embassy building in Trafalgar Square.

"It was the symbol of all that was evil," he said last night. "I shall enter with some trepidation, having lost count of the protests and vigils I have led outside. It will be interesting to see what lies behind those doors," added the British-born archbishop. But the embassy was preparing to welcome him with warmth. It was even ready for the press to record his visit.

He obtained South African citizenship while serving with the Community of the Resurrection in South Africa from 1943 to 1956, voted in the 1948 general election to try to stop the National Party coming to power.

In 1976, in the wake of the Soweto uprising, he was stripped of his citizenship, which was restored only last week. "I had hoped to go to South Africa to vote, but that was not possible after I broke my kneebone," said the archbishop who has been recuperating at the Community of the Resurrection in Mirfield, west Yorkshire.

"But Nelson Mandela has invited me to be present at what I pray will be his inauguration next month. I would not miss it for the world. I can honestly say it is the one hope which has kept me alive for so long."

The archbishop was honoured with the African National Congress's highest award, the *Isitwalandwe*, in June 1955 when the ANC's Freedom Charter was adopted. The following year his book, *Naught for your Comfort*, a hard-stirring account of the freedom strug-



Huddleston: is determined to see Nelson Mandela sworn in

gle, was published. Archbishop Huddleston said that today was the "most marvellous" of his life and one that he was glad he had survived long enough to see.

"Turn the clock back 20 years and no one had ever even heard of apartheid, what was going on in South Africa, and took no notice of us. It is only four years since Nelson Mandela came out of prison. It is nothing short of miraculous."

When the archbishop arrives to vote, Baroness Castle of Blackburn, the first president of the Anti-Apartheid Movement which was set up in 1959, and Glenda Jackson, the Labour MP, will release 1,000 balloons to symbolise the birth of democracy in South Africa.

As many as 60,000 South Africans living in the United Kingdom are expected to vote in the first all-race democratic elections this week. Newspaper advertisements have been placed alerting them to the fact. South Africans on holiday or on business in the UK are also able to vote here.

Hotels offer weary escape from stress

FROM SARAH HARTLEY IN JOHANNESBURG

SOUTH Africa's game reserves and more remote luxury hotels are fully booked as white voters take advantage of special deals offering an escape from urban violence and a chance to vote in "a stress-free environment".

One advertisement for the Sabi Sands reserve in eastern Transvaal boasts a half-priced election special "with security guaranteed (40-strong resident lion pride)". A polling station in the Sabi Sands area will serve 900 staff and guests.

In the Comoros the only danger comes from falling coconuts. Voters can stroll up the beach to one of the three hotels that have installed election booths in their foyers.

However, most voters tomorrow and Thursday will experience democracy in more humdrum settings, watched by ten policemen at each polling station, 25,500 election monitors and 5,000 international observers. Seventy-two per cent of the 21.6 million voters will be blacks voting for the first time. Today is set aside for special voters, who include pregnant women, the disabled and sick.

A taste of democracy is also being given to 125,000 prisoners who may leave their cells to vote in prison booths. Overseas voters in 83 countries will vote in embassies and consulates, including South Africa House in London.

Troops moved into Viljoenskroon, in the Orange Free State, yesterday after the town's right-wing council put up gun towers and barricades to bar access from Rammulotsi, a black township near by. The army and police were negotiating with the council last night to dismantle the barricades. Viljoenskroon, about 125 miles southeast of Johannesburg, is home to about 6,000 whites, many of whom support the far right. About 40,000 blacks live in Rammulotsi.

Not all obstacles to voting are so tangible. Some voters are apparently afraid to enter a polling booth because of the *tokoloshe*, said to be a malicious, hairy, dwarf-like spirit. "There's definitely a belief that the other side will bewitch polling booths," Anthony Minaar, a researcher at the Human Sciences Research Council, said.

Superstition has it that, if a polling booth is not circular, the *tokoloshe* can hide in the corners and influence the voter in marking the ballot paper. The *inyangas* (traditional healers) and *sangomas* (spirit mediums) may try to hold cleansing ceremonies outside polling stations to dispel spirits.

With the focus on the voting procedures, and the need to hold a fair and free election despite the violence, little thought has been given to election-night parties, or indeed post-election festivities. This may be a big mistake, according to Uriel Abrahamse, deputy head of the department of arts and culture. "I believe our responsibility is to guide the energy released at the polling stations in a positive way," he said. He added that organised parties and celebrations would help to avoid violence on the streets.

The closest thing to an official celebration will take place at midnight tonight with a simultaneous unveiling around the country of the new red, green, blue, black and gold national flag, the most visible symbol of the new South Africa of multi-racial democracy.

Voters can amuse themselves in the meantime by placing a bet on the result: one broker yesterday was tipping the ANC to win 55 per cent of the vote, the National Party 24 per cent and the Inkatha Freedom Party 10 per cent. Some minority parties, such as Soccer (Sports Organisation for Collective Contributions and Equal Rights), did not attract enough bets to be quoted.

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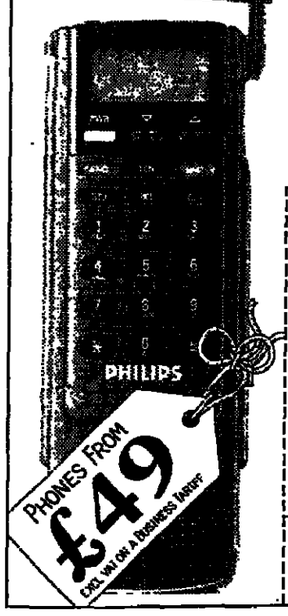
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Punching for equality

Women are muscling successfully into men's traditional sports, says **Julia Llewellyn Smith**

Pauline Dickson's boyfriend doesn't like it when she comes home with a bloody nose. Her mother thinks she should be doing something more ladylike — like modelling. Her friends are not surprised she took her job, because they have always thought she was a little bit strange.

Miss Dickson, 29, is the director of the newly-formed Women's International Boxing Federation, the first organisation to allow women to box competitively. Until now, there has been no legal way for women to spar in the ring, although the WIBF knows of 100 women in this country who are longing for the chance to show off their skills.

Last February they got their chance, when the WIBF staged the first legitimate all-women boxing show at York Hall, the traditional boxing venue in the East End of London. "Lots of guys turned up to boo and hiss, hoping for a laugh at the girls' expense," says Miss Dickson, an affable Scot. "I was a bit worried because in the second match one of the women's hairbands came off. Everyone was groaning, saying 'Typical women', but it went on to be an excellent match and the crowd was converted."

Boxing bodies remain unconvinced. They may be forced to change their attitude, however, if 21-year-old Zasha Price is successful. Miss Price, a legal secretary and dental nurse who trains in the Isle of Wight, is threatening legal action against the Amateur Boxing Association, alleging sex discrimination because they will not let her box competitively.

Boxing is one of the last sports to remain a male preserve. Dr Anita White, head of development at the Sports Council, says: "More and more women are playing traditionally male sports. They have realised that men have been having fun like this for hundreds of years and there is no reason why they shouldn't share in this."

The signs are encouraging. Women's football is the fastest-growing sport in the country, with 12,000 players and 450 clubs. There were 10 women's Rugby Union teams in 1983 and almost 200 today and on Sunday, the England women's rugby team won the women's world championship in Edinburgh.

Despite progress, however, women's teams have problems attracting sponsorship. The Women's Rugby Football Union makes all its money from membership subscriptions and gate attendances; few companies want to link their names to an image of brawny women caked in mud.

In other countries, things are more advanced. In America, there are two million female footballers and British girls are wangling free college educations on the strength of a soccer scholarship. In male-dominated, football-crazy Italy, every men's football club has a women's team, paid a salary and expenses; and top players such as Caroline Morace endorse products.


HUGH ROUTLEDGE

Richmond's lock Alice Jenkinson gets to the ball in a rugby line-out

Even in sports where women are completely accepted, such as tennis and athletics, it has become that way only after a struggle. In 1906 the physical director of Harvard bemoaned women playing hockey and netball and begged them to stick to "the lighter and more graceful forms of gymnastics." Suzanne Lenglen shocked the world in the 1920s when she sacrificed her demure, trailing tennis skirt for speed. Bulky athletes like javelin thrower Fatima Whitbread have to contend with constant sniggers and stars like Florence Griffith Joyner, the Olympic 100-metres champion, seem to spend at least as much time on their fingernails as on their training to ward off accusations of butchness.

Why do men feel so threatened when the girls join in? Miss Dickson says: "Because women are going into men's space. There are not many places where men can be men, except upstairs in pubs. When you have women in that environment they will have to behave differently.

"They bring up all these arguments about how women are for loving, not for fighting," Miss Dickson says. "They also say we are not built to box. I think a lot of people imagine these tiny, frail creatures being beaten into a pulp. But these are trained athletes, under supervision. If there's an imbalance of power, there are referees to stop the fight.

"There is even an argument that boxing can cause breast cancer, because being hit repeatedly in the breast could create scar tissue. But we hardly ever get hit in the breast, because our arms are over that area."

Dr White agrees there is no biological reason why women cannot play any male sport. "The arguments for why women should not box apply equally to men."

Exactly. Why would any woman want to box, given the potential dangers? Miss Dickson was already a fitness instructor when she began to box a year and a half ago. "I wanted to do something that would get me really fit and teach me some self-defence," she says. "I found that punching a few bags is the best way to get rid of stress."

The WIBF holds its next event on May 22. Feedback so far has been almost entirely positive. "I've only had one negative phone call from some nutter who said all women should be chained to a sink," Miss Dickson says cheerfully. "And I've had over 100 letters from men and women all saying, 'Good for you. I think you're mad to want to do it, but you have just the same rights as a man.'"

They love that stiff upper lip

Americans are drooling over a handsome British actor who specialises in upper-class suavity, says **Kate Muir**



Variety: the No 1 film

Not since Benny Hill passed away has America been in such throes of adoration for English comedy, and a particular Englishman. *Four Weddings and a Funeral* — a very British film which will be seen in Britain next month — has spread like a virus across cineplexes statewide, doubling and tripling week by week until, largely by word of mouth, it has reached number one in screen takings. This has been accompanied by what is now known as a "Grantfest", the unquestioning worship of leading man Hugh Grant for no better reasons than his general prettiness and wit.

The film, directed by Mike Newell, is exactly as its title sounds. The charming, bumbling but devilishly handsome Grant moving from one excruciating wedding to another, watching all his friends pair off and finding himself too emotionally repressed to admit his love for an American guest played by actress Andie MacDowell.

Although Grant is getting most of the credit for the success of *Four Weddings*, without scriptwriter Richard Curtis he would be naught. Curtis is the genius behind the Rowan Atkinson vehicles *Blackadder* and *Mr Bean*, and the under-appreciated *The Tall Guy*. He specialises in the painful humour of embarrassing English social occasions in the uptight-goes-psycho tradition of John Cleese. Where Americans once told British visitors "We just love your Monty Python or John Cleese or (more disturbingly) Benny Hill", they now cite *Four Weddings* as the British comedy standard.

Grant plays Charles, our hero, as "an absolute virtuoso of embarrassment" says one delighted critic. "Everything about him suggests that years of breeding and education have produced not a single advantage beyond the ability to look delightful in a morning coat."

This, of course, is the second element of the film's mysterious appeal to the New World: class. Although no self-respecting American admits it nowadays, watching the posh at play remains a favourite occupation. The fact that Charles appears not to need to work at all in the film, and that at intervals he sweeps back the congenital upper-class forelock, causes a frisson of delight in the audience. Little has changed since minions in Fitzgerald's *Great Gatsby* were awed by the fact Jay Gatsby was an "Oggsford man". Now magazine readers see that Hugh Grant read English at New College, Oxford, and they find him all the more desirable. And then there are his real-life quotes, peppered with "crikey", "by jiminy" and "by jingo", which lead readers to suspect that Hugh is Charles and vice versa. Kristen Scott-Thomas, a British actress in the film, says that Grant mostly seemed to be playing himself.

Grant's speciality is the emotionally repressed Oxford-educated Englishman. His first film was the student production *Privileged*, set in Oxford. He then staked out this territory as a sexually ambivalent (Oxford) student in Merchant Ivory's *Maurice*. And coming to a screen near you this summer, is Grant in *Sirens* as a repressed English minister whose morals are loosened up in Australia: Grant in Roman Polanski's *Bitter Moon*, as a repressed newly-wed who becomes obsessed with another couple's sadomasochistic relationship on a cruise liner; and of course, *Four Weddings*.

Typecast or what? But Grant takes it lightly: "I've done a little trilogy on the problems of English sexuality," he says of his latest work. He has no complaints about the inhibited genre, believing that repression of emotion is far more common in real life than loud emoting.

What Americans (and particularly women) adore about *Four Weddings* is that *one of their own people* brings Grant in from the cold, unbuttoning him both metaphorically and physically. This is the ultimate fantasy for many American women who somehow assume it is hard to pull a handsome, suave British man because he will be both terribly clever and terribly cold. When, in an inexplicable plot twist, the flighty, bland American played by Andie MacDowell succeeds in capturing Grant, this gives hope to all.

Now that Cary Grant and David Niven are gone, and Jeremy Irons is getting a little long in the tooth, a replacement was required. Daniel Day-Lewis and Liam Neeson have the stature, but by being Method-ish actors, they even allow themselves to be ugly in some films. This leaves it up to Grant the younger to provide the matinée-idol good looks and similarity of roles which result in true stardom.

Sadly, the British have no conception (yet) of the 32-year-old gem in their midst, or the film begat in their playing fields and marquees. Poor Grant was interviewed for the April edition of *Tatler*, but he did not even make a mention on the cover. He was described in a properly English manner as "a curious combination of Tigger and Lord Byron".


Almost unknown at home, Hugh Grant stars in *Four Weddings and a Funeral*, the most popular film in America

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The women who suffer in silence

Ireland voted on abortion two years ago but informed debate is still taboo


Film-maker Leanne Pooley

Across the water: a phrase that is resonant in Irish life. For nationalists, it's the home of the oppressors; for loyalists the foundation of the Union; for thousands of ordinary Irishmen a place of opportunity away from unemployment and poverty. For many Irish women, however, the phrase takes on an altogether different meaning. For them the words have come to mean one thing, abortion.

In 1992, like many others, I was appalled at the terrible plight of the 14-year-old Irish rape victim who was summoned back to Dublin in an attempt to stop her obtaining an abortion in England. This caught the headlines and put Ireland's anti-abortion policies under the spotlight.

Ultimately the case of Miss X led to a referendum and the Irish public voted that women should have "the right to travel". Two years later I found myself exploring the experiences of the many thousands of women who exercise this right when I began working on a documentary for BBCTV (*The Silent Export* was BBC1's *Everyman* film, screened last Sunday).

When I began my research, I knew that abortion was unconstitutional in the Republic and that as many as 100 women were travelling to England every week to terminate pregnancies. I knew that amniocentesis was unavailable and that abortion was deemed unacceptable — even in cases of the most severe abnormalities. What I did not realise was just how difficult it would be to penetrate the code of silence observed by women who have made the journey. The concealment of Ireland's silent export leaves no mark on the Catholic foundations of the State. But the lives of thousands of women are haunted by fear, desperation and anger.

My brief was to explore how Ireland's decision *not* to decide on abortion affected women with crisis pregnancies. I hoped to find a woman who was planning to make the journey to England and tell her story. I soon found out just how naive this was. To ask a woman to talk about her abortion on camera was to ask her to give up any notion of a normal life. I was told by those involved in the underground abortion network that if a woman "came out" for me she might never work again, she would be harassed verbally or even physically and, as one woman who had terminated a pregnancy told me, she would probably be "burnt out". Paranoia? I might have thought so if had I not encountered the Irish anti-abortion lobby.

The graphic pictures they carried were familiar — what was new was the intensity of the Catholic connection in their literature and its exploitation of republican sentiments. Women who travel to England for abortions are seen as somehow unIrish: traitors conforming to the norms of the English oppressors. In the Republic the abortion controversy is second only to the struggle for a united Ireland; to combine the two issues is to place women into a religious and political quagmire.

The Catholic Church ensures that Irish girls are mindful of their duty to be good mothers and to fight the evil that is abortion. Many of the younger women I met had been shown the American anti-abortion film, *The Silent Scream*, at their Church schools. When faced with a crises pregnancy, women knew that to choose abortion was to choose a mortal sin. Experience had taught these women that there are secrets that must be kept — especially from the priest.

Even women who told me they were comfortable with their decision to terminate spoke of the fear of being discovered. Collecting something in the order of £500 and disappearing for three days meant telling lies — lies that added to their feelings of isolation and despair.

The more women I spoke to, the more I began to understand just how deeply this issue has scarred Irish society. A ban on information about abortion meant that most women obtained the English clinic phone numbers they needed on the walls of toilets or from graffiti on the side of buildings.

The debate over abortion continues in Ireland as it does in many other countries. Yet there is one voice that is missing in the clamour — the voice of the woman who has been across the water.

The silence reaches the heart of Ireland's psyche, making abortion an almost tabboo topic. When I told a previously acquiescent official at Dublin airport what my film was about, his demeanour changed abruptly, and he said that it would not be possible to shoot at the airport. Had I not spent months engulfed in Ireland's attitudes towards abortion this would have surprised me. Sadly, it didn't.

LEANNE POOLEY

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A clinical way to fiddle the figures

Nigel Hawkes on how science is clouded by unreliable data

Clinical trials are the acid test of any new treatment, the only sure way we can know if it is any use. But can they be trusted?

In Washington, a congressional committee is now investigating this question, after evidence of malpractice was revealed. Dr Roger Poisson of St Luc Hospital in Montreal, a contributor to a major trial of treatments for breast cancer, recruited patients with scant regard for scientific method.

Nor was this a trivial piece of work. Published in 1985 and 1989 in the *New England Journal of Medicine* and paid for by the US National Cancer Institute, it was the study that showed that women with breast cancer do just as well if simply the lump, rather than the whole breast, is removed. Many thousands of women who have since been given "lumpectomies" rather than mastectomies have a strong interest in the research having been reliable.

The NCI has claimed that Dr Poisson's data do not affect the conclusions of the study, because the numbers involved at St Luc were small. But Dr Bernard Fisher, who directed the study, has been removed from this position by the NCI. Even after he knew of the contaminated data, he continued to submit papers including it, some of which will now have to be withdrawn. A full re-analysis, excluding data from St Luc and possibly from another Montreal hospital as well, is expected to be submitted to the *New England Journal* later this year.

What Dr Poisson did wrong was to lean over backwards to ensure that his patients were included in the trial, on the ground that "they deserved the best treatment". To do this, he changed data on the size of their tumours and fabricated other information. Some women who declined to be included in the trial, in which the choice between lumpectomy and mastectomy was made by lot, were enrolled anyway.

Dr Dwight Kaufman, an NCI official, called Dr Poisson's explanations "farcical", but they fit into a familar pattern. Dr Thomas Detre, of the University of Pittsburgh, believes that such cheating "*happens perhaps more frequently that we are aware of*, when physicians for whatever reason want to make their patients eligible for a study, *feeling that the disease is life-threatening* and they could give them a unique chance".

Nearly 20 years ago, one of the biggest trials ever carried out into heart disease, the MRFIT (multiple risk factor intervention trial, known as Mr Fit) included data from 27 patients who should not have been enrolled. Again, the bad data is said not to have affected the conclusions.

Nor are British trials immune. There have been a rash of cases over the years in which doctors have been found guilty of fabricating data, mostly to earn money from drug companies. Last month the General Medical Council ordered Dr Paul Daengsvang, a doctor from Liverpool, to be struck off after he submitted "false and misleading" information in a trial of allergy drugs.

The fundamental problem with trials is that to measure small differences they must enrol a lot of patients, which means that they must be recruited from many centres, often abroad. This makes it difficult to ensure that all the investigators are scrupulous in following the trial protocol.

The most obvious reason for fraud is financial gain, according to Glasgow GP James Hosie, a contributor to a book, *Fraud and Misconduct in Medical Research*, published by the *British Medical Journal* last year. Other benefits, he says, include increasing your list of scientific publications and travelling to exotic places at drug company expense to present the results.

Dr Hosie was involved in the case of Dr David Latta, a Glasgow GP struck off in 1991 after admitting falsifying data *in three drug trials*. He was paid £14,500 for recruiting patients but was found to have filled in all the forms himself. In other cases, Dr Hosie says, investigators are mentally unstable, like the one who was found to have "completed his study" before the drug to be tested had even been delivered to him.

> "The time may have come for random audits of trials"

But few stories are as chilling as the one about the two drug company research directors who were discussing *the cost of doing* studies in contract research laboratories in Britain. It became clear that they had both commissioned very similar studies, of similar drugs, from the same laboratory. What is more, both studies seemed to have reached similar conclusions. They agreed to exchange final reports.

When they did so, they found they were identical in every respect; every curve was the same, every item of data duplicated. Only the names of the drugs had been changed. Both reports had to be junked, at considerable expense.

In both Britain and America, fraud of this sort is exceptional — or at least we assume it is. Four years ago the Association of the British Pharmaceutical Industry pointed out that data that is *too* perfect is often *prima facie* evidence of fraud. Real life is messy: patients don't turn up at the surgery on the right day, or drop out altogether, charts are filled in *in different inks* and a range of handwriting.

Some specialists believe that the time has come for random audits of important trials, with independent committees to check their integrity. Nobody wants another layer of bureaucracy in science, but insuring the probity of clinical research's most powerful tool is too important to leave to chance.

Women can give birth in hospital with home comforts, **James Drife** says

Home start for mother



JUSTIN SLEE

Lisa Barker and her daughter, Meg, four hours old, at the home-from-home maternity unit with no drips or medical equipment in sight, at Leeds General Infirmary

Debates about waterbirth and home delivery crop up regularly in the media but in Britain today 99 per cent of women still give birth on a hospital bed. Focusing on minority methods of delivery has *done women a disservice by distracting* attention from conditions for the majority. Changes in the average labour ward are long overdue, but are now happening.

Maternity hospitals have come a long way in 30 years. Most are comparatively new and purpose-built, and many incorporate the latest ideas on how to make a hospital user-friendly. But they are still hospitals — institutions with rules, staffed by overworked junior doctors.

Years ago, most towns had small maternity homes isolated from other specialties. Today, almost every maternity unit is on the same site as a general hospital, so that in an emergency all medical resources, are immediately available.

Policies like this have been phenomenally successful in improving the safety of childbirth. In Leeds in the 1930s, one woman died in pregnancy every week; now, the figure is less than one a year. I was reminded of this two nights ago, when I was called into hospital after *a perfectly normal woman lost six* pints of blood after a normal delivery. The hospital machinery ensured that no harm ensued.

But such problems affect only a *small* percentage of women. Do they mean that everyone must deliver in clinical surroundings? A hospital should provide normal women at low-risk with two unique facilities — instant access to medical help and epidural anaesthesia on demand. It need not take women over, process them and fit them into a hierarchy, with doctors at the top and female patients at the bottom.

Home delivery is attractive because it avoids this. The woman is in control and the midwife and doctor are her guests. Can this feeling be created within a hospital building? Not entirely perhaps, but some hospitals are getting close by setting up "home-from-home" units.

A pioneering unit was started in Leicester Royal Infirmary in 1989. Three rooms adjacent to the normal delivery suite were completely redecorated with pine furniture, carpets and Laura Ashley fabrics. These and a quiet atmosphere made the unit feel like a country-house hotel. Medical equipment was minimal and out of sight.

More significantly, doctors were excluded. No more routine ward rounds; no peeping round the door just to check that everything was all right. Some midwives, used to relying on doctors, found this prospect daunting but for others the unit meant a rediscovery of their art.

Obstetricians, myself included, were initially uneasy. Yes, we knew that the unit carefully excluded high-risk pregnancies. We knew there were agreed guidelines to ensure that if problems developed a mother would be transferred to the conventional delivery suite. Still we feared the worst.

The counter-argument was that a unit run by experienced midwives might be even safer than a labour ward supervised by trainee doctors. The debate was put to the test in Leicester. In the first two years, 3,500 pregnant woman at low risk were randomly allocated between the new unit and the conventional system, and the results were compared. Safety was similar in both systems. What was different was women's satisfaction — predictably greater in the new unit.

Similar schemes are now appearing in a few other hospitals. Some are called "midwife units", but at Leeds General Infirmary we decided against that: the unit is for the benefit of women, not of one particular group of professionals. The name "home-from-home" was impossible to better.

Nevertheless, in the new unit, midwives have the professional independence many have yearned for. Interestingly, at Leicester after four years, the strict dividing line between the midwife-led unit and the conventional suite was relaxed. Doctors were invited into the home-for-home unit for consultations.

The psychological effect of pleasant decor on women and staff is *fascinating. Visitors emerge from* the unit starry-eyed and fired with enthusiasm. Suddenly, the rest of our pleasant hospital looks hostile and tacky. It will not be long, I hope, before this woman-friendly atmosphere spreads from the new unit through the rest of the building.

From now on, women will increasingly exercise choice about where to have their babies. Maternity units, in spite of being adjacent to general hospitals, will have to look and feel as unlike hospitals as possible. These changes will not put an end to the debate, but in future women who choose home delivery will do so because they are pro-home and not anti-hospital.

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Nurse, there's a gork in here

Bruce Charlton on the secret slang doctors use to keep sane

IF THE number of television hours dedicated to the subject is any guide, people are fascinated by doctors and their lives. The latest offering was *last Thursday's new BBC drama* series *Cardiac Arrest* — advertised as lifting the lid on "the realities of life for a junior hospital doctor". However, the programme missed out one of the most important realities — medical slang.

A few months ago, the journal *Social Science and Medicine* published a fascinating article by Robert Coombs and his colleagues called "Medical slang and its functions". It revealed what *junior doctors really think* about their lives, their patients and each other.

Although the research was done in California, and American slang tends to be more vivid than its English equivalent, much of the vocabulary is shared, and the picture of life as a senior medical student or junior hospital doctor is immediately recognisable.

It is a world of gallows humour, where the operating room is a *cage*, intensive care is *the doom tomb* and a coma rehabilitation centre *the vegetable patch*. The nastiest work is done by a *wedge* (medical student — the most primitive form of tool), overseen by a *gopher* (house officer). Some students are keen (*hot dogs*), some are unlucky (*stool magnets*), but all must serve their time as *scut monkeys*.

For students, being taught can be as traumatic as the work itself. As the teacher approaches, the cry goes up "Bohica" (Bend Over, Here It Comes Again), then the wedge is *shredded* by the *shark* (consultant) in a process called *pimping* (being Put In My Place). The consultants range from the clever *mudd fudds* (qualified MD PhD), through the *geeks* (wearing a prominent stethoscope), to the less-clever, but richer, Harley Street types — the *double O privates*, licensed to kill.



BBCI's *Cardiac Arrest*: but where is the slang?

But this is nothing compared with the young medics' attitude to patients. The worst are *malingerers*: those who are *squirrel bait* (ie, nuts) and the LOL in NAD (little old lady in no apparent distress). Nor are the sick exempted. The bane of the junior's life is the GOMER (sight of which inspires the exclamation, "Get out of my emergency room!") — a demented, chronically ill and *incurably troublesome* geriatric of the kind who make up the bulk of hospital in-patients. These unfortunate souls may progress to become a *gork* (Unconscious. But why? God Only Really Knows), lying *gomertose* for weeks until they are GPO (good for parts only).

In these days of political correctness, there is a guilty *frisson* to be had from hearing the apparent disdain which junior doctors reserve for *inhabitants of the Los Angeles* equivalent of doss houses, calling them the *curly toes*, due to their poor nail-cutting skills. Others have been FUR (*found under a rock*). Those too poor to pay their bills are diagnosed as having a *negative wallet biopsy*, while jaundiced alcoholics are *yellow-bellied sap-suckers*.

The reason for this kind of black humour is obvious: it functions as a safety valve, making life easier to bear at a time of extraordinary pressure. This is offensive language in the sense that it is a weapon with which to hit out in the only way allowed.

IF THE life of junior doctors gradually improves, with shorter working hours and more humane conditions of service, I for one will mourn the passing of vivid metaphor into polite euphemism. Instead of merely being discharged from hospital it seems much better to *roll* out the door, *healed by steel*, propelled by a *boot suppository* and hearing the parting call of *AMF YoYo* — "Adios, my friend. You're on your own!"

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MALE MATTERS

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by Dr J. A. GRIFFITHS

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Welcome to our eastern cousins

Douglas Hurd and Klaus Kinkel present their vision for an enlarged Europe and Nato

In the past, some used to say "Germany" when they meant West Germany. Many still say "Europe" when they mean western Europe. But Europe does not stop at the Oder-Neisse. Who can fail to recognise that Warsaw or Riga, Budapest, Prague or Ljubljana are European cities? The task of the Nineties, for Britain and Germany, is to make a political reality of that cultural reality.

Had the Iron Curtain not divided Europe after 1945, none of the founders of European integration would have ever thought of excluding countries such as Czechoslovakia or Poland. We must project security and stability from our part of Europe to other European countries in the east. Eventually, they should participate fully in all European institutions — in particular the European Union and Nato.

At its last summit in January 1994, Nato declared that it was open to new members. The European Community summit in Copenhagen confirmed the prospect of membership for those countries which have concluded Europe Agreements.

There are three fundamental reasons why we should consider enlarging the EU and Nato: security, prosperity and shared values.

We shall not be secure if uncertainty and anxiety reign just beyond our borders. Stability in central Europe enhances our own stability.

The basis of our prosperity is the open world trading system. We have now, on our doorstep, dynamic economies with highly skilled labour, rich in ideas and full of entrepreneurial vigour. The fastest growing stock market in the world last year was not in Shanghai or Canton: it was in Warsaw.

We and our trading partners to the east are already benefiting from this. EC exports to central Europe increased by 87 per cent between 1989 and 1992, and now stand at around US$11 billion. The central Europeans themselves sell half of their exports in the EC. The Europe Agreements stipulate free trade by the end of 1995 — with a few exceptions such as agriculture.

But more remains to be done. Too often the EC reserves its greatest trade restrictions for precisely those goods that the central Europeans produce most efficiently.

We have to face new competition. Closer ties with the economies in central Europe will mean more structural adjustment for us. But those structural changes will open the way for enormous overall increases in wealth — for us and for our partners.

Last, but not least, culture. Our eastern neighbours belong to Europe, not just as a matter of geography or economics: there is a common culture. We have to increase the exchange of ideas — particularly in the humanities and the social sciences.

A sober assessment of our interests shows that they all point in the direction of enlarging the EU and Nato. That cannot happen overnight. Guarantees that exist only on paper do not contribute to security. Security guarantees must grow out of a sense of shared values, common interests and a common destiny.

Enlarging Nato is a decision for the Alliance as a whole — not just for Britain and Germany. All its members, above all the United States which continues to do so much to maintain European security, must give their wholehearted consent.

The Western EU is developing its role as the European pillar of Nato and as the defence component of the EU. Britain and Germany are working together with others to involve the central Europeans and the Baltic states in the work of the WEU.

New members must be capable of implementing EU law. That presupposes a competent administration and a proper system of justice. They must be capable of competing in the Single Market. On our side, too, there will have to be changes. EU institutions and EU policies will have to adapt to a wider community — a community of 20 or more members. We must ensure that at every stage a wider community becomes a stronger one. Both for the EU and Nato, widening must not mean weakening.

> No country is an island. We have a duty to our neighbours

Those are goals for the medium-term. In 1994, we must open ourselves to our neighbours in as many ways as possible. The forthcoming German EU presidency will spare no efforts to draw our eastern neighbours closer.

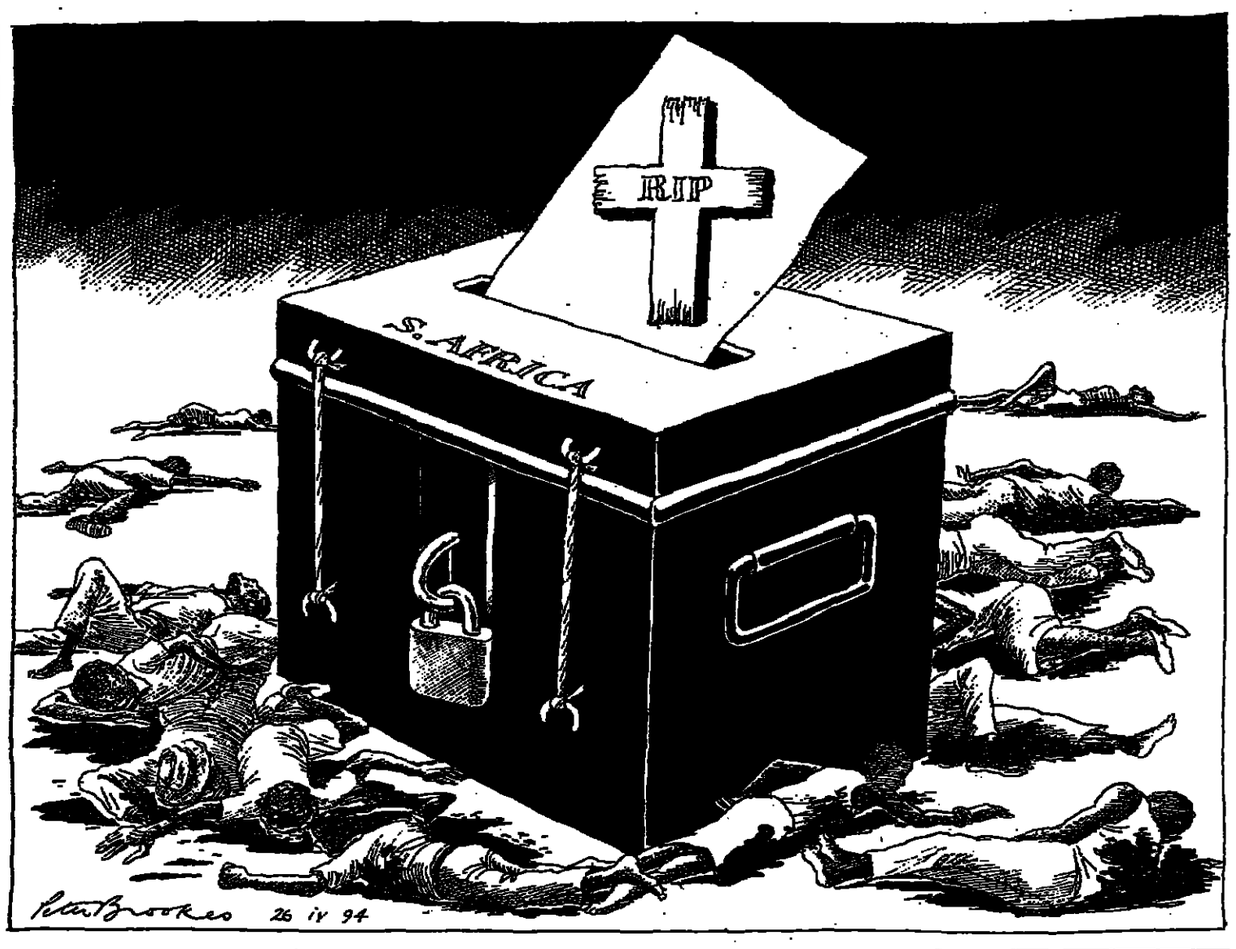
But in all this, the transatlantic relationship remains a fixed anchor point for the EU. Without a continuing stake by the United States in European affairs, enlargement of the EU and Nato cannot succeed.

The Conference on Security and Co-operation in Europe also has a vital role. It is the only institution embracing all 53 European and North American states. Through the CSCE we can assure that developments in western and central Europe are not misinterpreted by our eastern partners.

To enlarge the Alliance in a way that made those inside it more secure but left those outside feeling threatened would be no service to Europe. That means that other countries must be convinced that this is a development in which they are not ignored.

No country is an island, whatever its geography. We have a duty to our European neighbours. They had to live under imposed isolation from western Europe. They are now returning to freedom and to the rule of the law. This is a historic task. Britain and Germany have committed themselves to this goal for the rest of the century.

● *This joint article by the Foreign Secretary and the German Foreign Minister is also published in today's Süddeutsche Zeitung*



Sorry, your time is up

Why do the Tories believe that by reshuffling the government they can change their catastrophic fortunes?

Bernard Levin

It is, of course, very difficult for the leading Tory figures to keep their nerves, their aspirations and their hopes. Indeed, it is quite impossible for them to put on any kind of a front without it being the cause of laughter, and most of the time something more, and more unpleasant, than laughter. But surely, there must be a limit to the quite desperate lunacy that the Tories are at present displaying, without any kind of apparent understanding that they are making their graves even more deeply. ("When in a hole, stop digging": Denis Healey, *attrib.*)

It is not the clowning of Fowler that makes one feel that the doors of Colney Hatch are slowly swinging open, though we should not forget Fowler and his *bêtises*; from his wonderful predictions (the most notable of these was his announcement that the Christchurch by-election would be held for the Tories, whereas the result was a turnover of 39,442) it seems that he has not yet finished, and the evidence is that he certainly hasn't, because he has just proclaimed that in the forthcoming elections the Tories will not only hold their ground, but actually improve their position. He would not shut up talking such lunatic stuff, and he was last heard arguing that of course the Prime Minister's active involvement in the elections did not in any way tie him to the results, which of course had nothing to do with them.

But all that is by the way. What actually makes the old head swim, as Bertie Wooster would put it, is that the Tories plainly believe that a mere reshuffle of their government will change their catastrophic fortunes. That is bad enough; but to measure the depths of absurdity we must go to the gorgeous hoax, presumably put about by a Labour wag (if there is such a thing as a Labour wag) that the Tories are going to turn the tide by putting in the forefront those two young, sparkling, rising hopefuls, Lords Howe and Walker. But the point is not that there was a hoax; it is that they took nearly a week to discover that it *was* a hoax.

Come; let us set the scene, in a domestic household after supper. Husband is a faithful Tory, wife is committed to Labour; they argue over such matters but they are sensible and do not quarrel. They turn on the news; they discover that there has been a government shuffle, and the two most tremendous items — it has both wife and husband gasping — are that Lord Howe and Lord Walker have rejoined the government.

Imagine the cries, the tears, the dancing, the gritting of teeth, the bawling happiness, the white knuckles and the broaching of the last bottle. Mind, we are speaking of a household in which there are no quarrels over politics but very deeply held beliefs, but this one must surely come close to the edge.

Leave the imaginary scene, and pick up the real newspapers, an action which immediately poses a ticklish problem; how you will know which is my absurdity and which is the real thing I cannot imagine. Listen to this, for instance:

> With the Conservatives expected to fare badly in elections to local councils, the European Parliament and parliamentary by-elections, Mr Major could reassert his authority through a *summer reshuffle and regain the* initiative.

Regain the initiative? When did they last have it to lose? The truth is that The Time Has Come, but the Tories not only deny that claim, they actually behave as though it wasn't true, and some of them — those who swallowed the Howe-Walker hoax most deeply — actually do believe it.

Among the ruins, people called Bottomley or MacGregor or Shephard wander about thinking only of their next appointment, heedless of the fact that they are not going to have any more appointments the minute the next general election takes place. In the interim, they will watch their party more or less wiped out in the local and European elections, and go lurching about for something to do, heedless that there is nothing at all to be done.

Take Howard, perhaps the very worst of the lot. Every ten minutes he announces that he is going to restore capital punishment, and opens the bidding for the post of public hangman; he then organises a huge demonstration for himself, entirely composed of his relations. Ten minutes later, he is obliged to reverse everything he has been doing and start again; never mind — the huge demonstration of his relations can be called in anyway. You think I am joking, but his latest idiocy is (just as favour-currying as everything else he does) to make it a criminal offence for someone with a spare ticket for a football match to offer it to a friend at a price, and if Howard's bit of political greasy-thumb legislation goes through, the friend with the spare ticket will face a fine of £5,000.

I said that Howard is the worst, and so he is, but Brooke is pressing him hard in the race to be the most useless minister; Brooke's attempt to organise the D-Day celebrations has turned into a shambles so magnificent that it must now be only a matter of days until Brooke starts blaming his equally gormless subordinate, Iain Sproat.

As for Waldegrave and his ideas about lying, I cannot, surely, be the only man to point out that when the Scott enquiry is finished, Waldegrave's thesis may come in singularly handy for its progenitor.

Meanwhile, there are important matters for the government to attend to, though there is very little attendance about them. Every time we are assured that some rather difficult matter of the EU and Britain's position therein has been thoroughly gone into, with the end result that Britain has won the concession demanded because of the wily Hurd's tactics, it turns out only a couple of weeks later that our government has given in on the point, Hurd or no Hurd.

For instance, our government (I have given up thinking of it with a capital G, and as for "minister", I now find it difficult not to giggle when I see the word) announced not long ago that Britain would demand, and go on demanding, that British citizens would have a permanent right of access to the European Court of Human Rights, subject, reasonably, to periodic renewal. But when somebody from our friendly neighbours in the EU said we can't have that right, the minister (giggle, giggle), who in this matter was Lady Chalker, signed on the line without a squeak or indeed a giggle.

Next to go will be the tortuously agreed right of young people in Britain to make a little money by the ancient and healthy idea of the paper-round; a grubby little cook-up was grubbily cooked up, though it was and is transparently obvious that it could not and would not last, and anyway we had got less than what we had asked for. Then came, from the Greeks, a blocking manouevre, and all's to do again.

As to the very grubby cook-up — very grubby indeed — over Britain's wholly insubstantial "right" of blocking in EC votes, we are now formally told, by M Delors, that our "right" is not worth the paper it is written on, not even if the paper is a cigarette-paper and a Gauloise cigarette-paper at that.

And now comes back onto the stage Howard himself, almost desperate for something that he can use to grease himself into the public's shallowest esteem; this time it is pornography — it seems that Scotland Yard is planning to drop the Yard's Obscene Publications Squad and Howard is banging a drum for its retention.

But the drum has a hole in it, and everybody knows that you can't bang a punctured drum. And if ever there was a thoroughly punctured drum, assuredly it is this government. As I write, I see a headline on my desk; it says "Pressure mounts on Major for Cabinet shake-up". Pressure on that thing? You can stick a pin in a balloon and it will make a bang, but you can't make a bang by sticking a pin in a very soggy sausage.

This country is governed by very soggy sausages, and they must go, as all soggy sausages eventually must. The Fowlers and the Howards and the Brookes and the Clarkes and the Lilleys (and particularly Portillo, his tongue hanging out to lick anything that tastes of office) and the rest make up the sausage-meat, and it stinks — it stinks to high heaven. It stinks of lies and cowardice, it stinks of cheating us and tricking us and using us and running away from us. Very well, then; let them run away from us into a general election. And at least we shall be rid of the stink.

Major shows his courage

Woodrow Wyatt says the PM is a natural survivor

I have never known a Prime Minister so consistently maligned and misrepresented in the press and media as John Major. If, as at the Sheffield Chamber of Commerce, he puts his head on the table roaring with laughter, the photograph captions tell us he is hanging his head in despair. The speech he made was reported as a flop. The truth, as written to me and the press by indignant Chamber of Commerce members, is ignored: the PM was given unanimous, rapturous applause and a long, standing ovation. The press, the BBC and ITV are determined to show their power to choose prime ministers. The fairest is Sky, in the same stable as *The Times* which denigrates Major with scornful disregard of the facts. I sense a rising mood against the unfair play of the media which will soon work strongly for him.

John Major is at the nadir of his fortunes, which have nowhere else to go but up. He was criticised for leading the fight in the local and Euro elections. If he had not, he would have been attacked for cowardice. He campaigns vigorously but is not boasting of victory. Pollsters always exaggerate the Labour vote, as they did two years ago when Major won against their arrogance. Pollsters might soon have egg on their faces again. High street tills are tinkling. Mortgage interest rates are the lowest for decades. Inflation is not a serious problem. Factory gate prices are down. Our competitiveness is high. The internal deficit is well below the predicted £50 billion, ensuring earlier tax cuts than foreseen. Average earnings are comfortably above inflation and the council tax has been held down remarkably. But this is all good news much disliked by most of the media, for ever belittling their own country. If they were logical, Major would have overwhelming support from local voters, but instead they are incited to kick him to encourage him to bring more quickly the greatest prosperity Britain has ever known.

Even the press and media cannot blanket out the successes of Major's economic policies but pretend they are "accidental". We must be thankful for such "accidents". Whipping up Tory leadership contests is much more fun for the disdainful drinking party circuit than real thinking. Major understands and cares far more about ordinary people, as witness Ken Livingstone's praise for his compassionate handling of the Lambeth housing committee when its chairman.

Though John Smith has declared he will not accept the 35-hour week, he has endorsed the rest of the Euro-socialist manifesto, remaining committed to reversing Major's opt-out from the Social Chapter. The Lib Dems, longing for political federal union, are eager to obey all Brussels's instructions. In Tory strongholds in the South and West, spurred on by the once loyal Tory press, Lib Dems are close behind and could hold the parliamentary balance. They kept Labour in office during 1974-79 and it could happen again, scarcely what Tory editors and proprietors want.

Sir Archie Hamilton, Tory MP, is an honourable man. He said last weekend that Heseltine lieutenants are actively and openly canvassing. I know Heseltine has offered past enemies senior "Cabinet" posts. Making this man in dodgy health Leader would irrevocably split the Tories, which is not the only reason why Baroness Thatcher is against a Tory PM in office being subjected to distracting and unsettling challenges. Young Portillo is 15 years away from aspiring to be Tory Leader, however much his erratic and experimental speeches are misrepresented. A good man, Kenneth Clarke for the time being has put himself out of the running, as has the able Home Secretary, Michael Howard. There is no alternative to Major, whose rejection would cause worldwide dismay among leaders and businessmen who admire him. He clearly influences Clinton, who does not face an election until 1996 and conducted Major on a personal tour in America fit for "a prophet not without honour save in his own country". He gets on well with Herr Kohl, who visits him tomorrow.

No one could or does fight better for British interests in Europe or elsewhere. Major wants to co-operate with the European Community but shares the mood of the great majority of us that the overweening powers of the Commission must be severely pruned. He is convincing most of Europe's population that Thatcherite principles, not socialism, are best. He has unfailing courage and determination. Despite blunders by his ministers, he is lucky. Why otherwise, tortured by acute pain in his mouth, would he have been unable to speak to me in the last days of the Thatcher premiership? He could not be blamed for her deposition and succeeded her as her anointed. Luck and empathy with grass-roots voters (he *is* the grass-roots) favoured him when all commentators and pollsters said he was a goner, except me who alone predicted the precise percentage of votes he would have over Labour. He is a tough survivor and will win the next election.

Little, Brown foxed

ONE organisation which could be forgiven if its celebration of the South African elections is less than wholehearted, is the American publisher, Little, Brown. For while South Africa's date with democracy has arrived, the same cannot be said of its expensively commissioned autobiography of Nelson Mandela.

Little, Brown commissioned the book four years ago, on Mandela's release from prison, paying a reported $3 million for what should be a global best-seller. The firm had originally hoped to have the book on the stands in 1992, but



Mandela's punishing schedule means the publishing date has slipped repeatedly. Latest estimate is this autumn. Probably.

Soon after the contract was signed it became clear that Mandela would have trouble completing the book. Initial moves to persuade Nadine Gordimer to turn ghost writer failed, reportedly because the ANC objected to a white South African, even one of such impeccable liberal credentials. Eventually Richard Stengel, a contributing editor at *Time* magazine, was recruited to enliven Mandela's own rather "Victorian" prose style.

William Phillips, Little, Brown's editor-in-chief, has only seen Mandela in person about six times since the book was commissioned: "We thought that the book would be completed two years ago. But he is a very busy man." But the delay could yet be turned to advantage, he believes. "The book will now end with the elections. It gives us a nice, rounded conclusion."

Phillips describes the book as "remarkably candid for a public figure". Mandela's failed marriage to Winnie will be addressed, he promises, as will early political setbacks such as failing his bar exams. "He insists this goes in."

DIARY

● *GLOOM among our male parliamentarians today. Bill Cash's statuesque research assistant Louise Hobkinson will not be returning to brighten up the drab corridors of Westminster. Hobkinson fled to France in fear of her life last month after receiving disturbing phone calls and letters from an absconded prisoner. Despite his re-arrest last week, Hobkinson has told friends that the attractions of Westminster have waned — permanently. Next time round she wants a boss with a lower profile.*

Spam-less days

WHILE the kerfuffle over the D-Day anniversary rages on, Lady Longford has been quietly getting on with honouring Germany's fallen. Not the ones we fought on the Normandy beaches, but the Germans who fought alongside the British at the Battle of Waterloo.

Longford was in Bexhill-on-Sea in Sussex at the weekend to unveil a memorial to the German soldiers (some 50,000 were garrisoned in the town) who died helping Wellington defeat Napoleon at Waterloo. Longford, who is a biographer of Wellington as well as a descendant by marriage (the duke married Kitty Pakenham), is patron of the Bexhill Hanoverian Study Group, which organised the unveiling and played host to a small troupe of Germans who paraded in period uniforms.

There was, she stresses, absolutely nothing inappropriate about the ceremony. "Ours was completely different and went very smoothly. D-Day has been completely mishandled. It just shows these things can be done if you're sensitive."

● *WHEN Radio Five Live launched last month, 160 journalists and five press officers started work for the BBC's newest radio station, providing 24-hour news and sports coverage. A month on, make that 160 journalists and four press officers. A senior publicity officer has resigned apparently because he didn't like sport, news bored him and he couldn't abide broadcast journalists.*

Baulk for Balkans

TWO months after being roughly evicted as chairman of the British-Yugoslav group, the senior Tory MP Sir Peter Fry is wreaking a familiar revenge. Fry, who alleges that the B-Y group, now chaired by Labour MP Bob Wareing, is biased towards the Serbs, is quietly encouraging the establishment of a veritable plague of anti-Serb groups in retaliation.

To date Fry is vice-chairman of the Bosnia Group and the Croatia Group, and chairman of the Friends of Macedonia and now the Slovenia Group. The latter, boasting a handful of peers and John Biffen, marched along last week to lunch with the Slovenian Ambassador, Matjaz Sinkovec.

Wareing refuses to rise to Fry's baiting. Fresh from lunching one of Bosnia's democratic opposition leaders, Dragoslav Micunovic, in the Commons yesterday, he says: "The more the merrier. Let them all exist — peacefully, of course."

● *A RARE moment of cross-party consensus yesterday as Michael Howard's Criminal Justice Bill started its tortured path through the Lords. Both the Lib Dem Lord Avebury and that fierce Tory defender of landowners' rights Lord Stanley of Alderley protested at Howard's repeal of the law forcing councils to set up gipsy caravan sites. As the backbench MP Eric Lubbock, Avebury introduced the original Bill in the 1960s. "We both support keeping it," they chorused. It's a case of kin-consensus as well — the two are cousins.*

Tons of music

AS IF it was not enough to be trumpeting its 100th season this year, the Proms is already preparing a "centenary season" for next year. Two bites of the centenary cherry, providing, presumably, two bites of centenary publicity. Surely a little disingenuous?

Certainly not, says an indignant spokeswoman. "It's the difference between a Chinese child and a western child. A Chinese child is one the day it's born. A western child is one on its first birthday. If you were a British person you would not be able to do both, but the Proms is not a person."

Sir William Glock, former BBC Director of Music, who directed the Proms from 1960 to 1973, is puzzled but forgiving: "They're just trying to make the most of it. But it does sound rather confusing."

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THE NEXT TREK

Old South Africa prepares to hand on to the new

Since the institution of apartheid in 1948, South Africa has never enjoyed the luxury of privacy: its affairs have never truly been its own. The elections which begin today, the first in which the right to vote does not depend on race, are no different. The eyes of the world, for long locked on Pretoria in censorious focus, watch now with a mixture of hope and unease. These are feelings shared with most South Africans.

It is a sobering thought that Nelson Mandela, former Prisoner No 466/64 and the man almost certain to lead his country after the elections, will be voting for the first time. Apartheid was pernicious in its method and intent, a moral wrong which was, for many, a defining issue. Communism stirred passions, as did nuclear proliferation for some, but neither had the strength to galvanise a movement of such moral conviction as the worldwide movement against apartheid. If one generation had images of Sharpeville engraved on its consciousness, the next had the massacre at Soweto. And Mr Mandela himself, imprisoned for 27 years, became his country's most poignant metaphor.

Yet the transition that we witness today is the product of South Africa's own rich currents. It was crafted, against obstacles both visceral and of the mind, by South Africans for South Africans. The attention of the world spawned in that country a hardy strain of self-sufficiency and pragmatism. It is from that reservoir that the new society will derive its sustenance.

While the obituary for white South Africa should of course be critical, it must not be one-dimensional. If there is optimism for that country's future today — and the hopeful would appear to outnumber those who despair — it is because Mr Mandela stands to inherit a substantial legacy. He does not have to rebuild his country; his task is, instead, to restructure it. South Africa is not being decolonised, it is redefining itself. Yet unlike other countries where transformation has occurred, it is far better placed to thrive in a new climate. It has a tradition — however distorted to date — of parliamentary government. The Burkean merits of this tradition should not be underestimated. Allied to the coherence of an elected legislature is the country's judiciary. Steeped in the Roman-Dutch method of legal positivism, and admirably independent, it is a potent force for the rule of law. The classically liberal constitution now in force will only augment its role and put its skill to healthier use.

White South Africa boasted an orthodox administrative infrastructure whose value will, if anything, be enhanced after the elections. The civil service and the security forces, nourished on the same positivist values as the courts, will provide the spine for a body politic in a state of flux. South Africa will not lack, as others on the African continent do, the accoutrements of a modern state. Its industrial capacity is proven, and was actually bolstered by the "apartheid tax" of sanctions. Its hardworking business community, a force for both change and moderation, is well placed to exploit the country's traditional trading and investment links now that international markets are open.

There has been terrible violence — nearly 15,000 people have died since Mr Mandela was freed — and it has not ended yet. But the leadership of the African National Congress has shown some of the same realism that led President de Klerk, and President Botha before him, to dismantle apartheid. If the ANC can hold that path, South Africans' intense and, at times, turbulent passion for their country's future will be harnessed to serve the interests of genuine democracy. If that path is abandoned, it will soon be deep in blood. As South Africa begins its second Great Trek, the task is immense.

SENSE ON SILENCE

Howard must amend his reform of defendants' rights

The warm populist glow of Michael Howard's speech to the Conservative Party conference last October has cooled quickly under the pressure of parliamentary scrutiny. The Home Secretary's apparent determination to announce a "crackdown" each week has made him unnecessarily vulnerable to his opponents: amendments to legislation that might have been presented as sensible acts of reflection have been gleefully derided as craven U-turns.

At stake is far more than Mr Howard's political future. The presentational mistakes of recent months have also jeopardised a promising programme for law and order reform which responded accurately to public concern. It is vital that the Home Secretary restore confidence in his approach. The current debate over proposed changes to the defendant's right to silence gives him an ideal opportunity to do so.

Most of the anxieties which have been prompted by this measure are unfounded. The proposed reform will not abolish the right to silence or the presumption of innocence; instead, the Criminal Justice and Public Order Bill, which returned to the House of Lords yesterday, will simply change the rules of evidence governing a defendant's testimony. Suspects will not lose the right to refuse to co-operate with police questioning or court cross-examination. But prosecutors will be permitted to draw such decisions to a jury's attention. A defendant's silence will become another item of evidence.

The new provision is partly a response to police frustration with experienced offenders who routinely thwart prosecution simply by refusing to answer questions. For this very reason, Mr Howard should heed carefully the reservations of police representatives expressed earlier this year about the legislation as it stands. They have argued reasonably that the courts should be informed of a defendant's refusal to co-operate only after the safeguards required by the Police and Criminal Evidence Act 1984 are in place. It is fair to comment on the decision taken by a suspect who has legal advice and the reassurance of a tape recorder. But it is quite another matter to draw conclusions from a defendant's silence at the place of arrest or in a police car. As presently drafted, the provision might even be understood to apply to conversations with security guards and store detectives.

Nor should Mr Howard ignore the breadth of opposition on this point. He may think the hostility of Tony Blair, his shadow, a matter of party politics. The same cannot be said of the views of Sir Ivan Lawrence QC, chairman of the Home Affairs Select Committee, and Lord Taylor of Gosforth, the Lord Chief Justice, both of whom have expressed reservations. The Lord Chief Justice has already forced the Government to drop an ill-advised proposal to oblige judges to order a silent defendant into the witness box. His instincts should be trusted here no less.

The purpose of Mr Howard's law and order reforms should be to make the process of prosecution and punishment fair and efficient. As it stands, the proposed amendment to the right to silence risks the kind of miscarriage of justice which has brought the criminal justice system into as much disrepute as safari holidays for hooligans. Mr Howard should not discredit his proposal by resisting wise advice.

RADIO MORE WONDERFUL

If the BBC is to broadcast pop, let it do so in a different way

Radio 1 is losing fans faster than an ageing rocker. Figures released yesterday showed a fall of more than a million listeners in the space of just three months, on top of a two million drop last year. The critics are outraged: Britain's most popular radio station is reportedly out of time, out of touch and ripe for counter-revolution.

The critics are wrong. When Matthew Bannister took over as controller, the ageing disc jockeys were pushed out, chat ate into the music, more esoteric tracks were played and worthy discussions of "issues" appeared. The trash-prattle-and-pop formula was replaced by a more abrasive but also more intelligent and eclectic approach. Although one result has been a sharp fall in listeners, another has been the reappearance of a reason why Radio 1 should exist at all.

When the station was launched in 1967 only pirate radio stations broadcast pop music. Because they were periodically raided and driven off the air, Radio 1 had a virtual monopoly of young people. The rise of legal commercial radio, national and local, ended the monopoly. But the monopoly attitude took longer to depart. Radio 1 is not a commercial station. It does not have only to chase ratings: it must also justify its place in a privileged institution. When the Peacock Report was published in 1986, Radio 1 was little more than a vehicle for chart hits. The report recommended that it be sold.

Although such a sale would have produced substantial funds and might have been attractive to an organisation that feared the threat of even greater privatisation, it would not necessarily have been good for the private sector. To let such a giant loose upon the private sector would be to reduce the competition severely. A recent report by the Henley Centre predicted that Virgin 1215 and Atlantic 252 would suffer heavy financial losses if they had to compete for advertising with Radio 1, as would the larger local stations. Some would inevitably go out of business.

But to justify its retention by the BBC, Radio 1 had still to offer a distinctive output, one that would not be available on a commercial station. This is what Mr Bannister seems to be seeking to do. The station now offers more airtime, often with live broadcasts, to bands that have not yet won recording contracts. Instead of playing the same popular records again and again, it seeks out new ones: its playlist runs to 1,300 tracks a week compared with about 500 on the average commercial station. And its current affairs and discussions of subjects such as Aids perform a valuable task of public education with an audience that the BBC would not otherwise reach.

There will always be a case against the BBC having a pop station at all. But at least Radio 1 is no longer safe and dull. The changes are bound to drive away more mainstream listeners, but the more adventurous the station, the better its case for remaining part of the BBC. Mr Bannister should keep his nerve under fire.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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Look-alike products: fair play or unfair advantage?

From Mr Paul A. Walsh

Sir, Contrary to what your editorial ("Brand of logic", April 20) says about own-brand look-alikes in supermarkets, they do unfair commercial damage to branded products.

Consumer confusion is a very real phenomenon. Even the British Retail Consortium acknowledges product confusion across all socio-economic groups running at approximately 22 per cent (report, April 19).

Look-alike packaging reinforces consumer misapprehension that the product is that of the brand leader.

Thirdly, as you have noted, the look-alike "hijacks" the goodwill associated with the branded products. Cumulatively, this threefold damage results in significant levels of unfairly misappropriated sales and in many cases destruction of the distinctiveness of a branded product.

In many European and other developed countries this practice is expressly prohibited under unfair competition laws and it should be noted that these are jurisdictions where convention and intellectual property protection is available. Unfair competition law is seen as a necessary adjunct to intellectual property law.

Whilst the producers and brand owners welcome the Trade Marks Bill, which was given a second reading in the Commons on April 18, they believe that the visual identity of the product is inextricably linked with the brand name or trade mark and inhibition of look-alikes is clearly an appropriate subject for inclusion in the Bill.

The Government should do more than heed the philosophical point as you state: it should recognise the contribution that brands and the manufacturing companies contribute to the economy. Action is needed now and the Trade Marks Bill is an ideal opportunity.

Yours faithfully,
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April 21.

From Mr Philip Pettifor

Sir, Your leader overlooks an important argument. Proving a case of passing-off is extremely costly; it is undertaken only by the most determined, deepest-pocketed and probably most foolhardy of plaintiffs.

If the plaintiff is a manufacturer and the defendant a retailer, the plaintiff runs the serious additional risk of double jeopardy: he may win the case at the cost of previous good trading relations. Equally, small companies and new market entrants are effectively denied proper protection for their brands by the prohibitive costs of such action.

All who invest in branding their products and services to guarantee consistent performance deserve equal protection under the law.

Yours faithfully,
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From the Chief Executive of the Consumers' Association

Sir, Those who press for the protection of brand-name goods in the face of competition from own-label products build their case upon an extraordinary image.

You or I return from our weekly shopping jaunt, pluck a jar of coffee from our shopping bag and, with dismay, cry: "Why, this is Sainsbury's Gold Choice; and here — Sainsbury's Classic Cola! I thought I was buying Nescafé Gold Blend and The Real Thing. I have been duped!"

This, of course, is just not credible. Is it being suggested that consumers cannot read a label, or differentiate between prices? Consumers are aware of what they are buying; they opt for own-brand products because of their good quality and low cost. A *Which?* survey recently pointed out that a supermarket trolley filled with own-brand goods instead of big-name products can save over 25 per cent on a weekly shopping bill, broadly supporting the figures you report.

This trend is anathema to the big brands: they aim, by amending the Trade Marks Bill, to limit competition and stifle market development. If they were successful, consumers would lose.

Yours faithfully,
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From Mr Michael Fisher

Sir, Why can desirable look-alike own brands be sold for less? The answer, in part at least, must be that supermarkets, when pricing their own-brand products, do not need to budget for the massive advertising campaigns indulged in by the brand-name owners. Yet they are quite happy to ride on the brand-name owners' coat tails, using look-alikes.

In my native Australia own-brand products are usually sold in cheap, simple, no-frills packaging, which enhances the ability of the own-brand product sellers to undercut prices.

My experience here is that look-alike packaging makes it harder for me to pick out the cheap (but usually just as good) own-brand product.

Yours faithfully,
MICHAEL FISHER,
156 Roundwood Road,
Willesden, NW10.
April 19.

From Mr Richard Price

Sir, Customers may think they are buying the branded product because they are taken in by the look-alike packaging. Sometimes they may think it is the same product specially made for the supermarket by the leading manufacturer.

Applications to register trade marks and designs still take far too long (more than two years is not unusual). That is not of much practical value to a manufacturer who relaunches one of the public's favourite products, with fresh get-up and substantial TV and other promotional support, every couple of years or so. In the meantime supermarkets can (and some do) mimic within weeks every change made.

The tort of passing-off which your leader mentions is virtually impossible to enforce against supermarkets because brand manufacturers have to prove that customers have been confused. Not surprisingly supermarkets do not allow would-be plaintiffs to interview customers on their premises. Attempts to do so outside have been known to be stopped by security guards.

Yours faithfully,
RICHARD PRICE,
Taylor Joynson Garrett (solicitors),
Carmelite, 50 Victoria Embankment,
Blackfriars, EC4.
April 22.

Girls with an eye to a wider world

From the Editor of Marie Claire *and others*

Sir, As you report today ("Opening eyes about career-choice for girls", Education), April 28 will be Take Our Daughters To Work Day. All over the country mothers, fathers, aunts, uncles, godparents, neighbours and friends will be going to work accompanied by girls aged between 11 and 15, so that girls are given an opportunity to observe men and women at work and to look at careers they might not otherwise have considered.

As women's magazine editors, we welcome this initiative. Recent research carried out at Harvard University shows that between the ages of 11 and 15, many girls lose confidence in themselves and their abilities. Lacking self-esteem, they often choose subjects at school which restrict their later choice of career.

There is no similar research here in the UK, but we do know that early information about career choices and encouragement from role models of either sex can greatly raise the expectations of young girls.

Yours faithfully,
GLENDA BAILEY,
Editor, *Marie Claire*,
SANDRA BOLER (*Brides*),
MARCELLE D'ARGY SMITH (*Cosmopolitan*),
DAVID DURMAN (*Woman*),
APRIL JOYCE (*19*),
LINDA KELSEY (*She*),
ELENI KYRIACOU (*New Woman*),
KEITH McNEILL (*Woman's Own*),
MANDI NORWOOD (*Company*),
MARIE O'RIORDAN (*More!*),
MAUREEN RICE (*Options*),
OLWEN RICE (*Woman's Weekly*),
TONI RODGERS (*Just 17*),
DEIRDRE VINE (*Woman's Journal*),
CAROLINE WHEATER (*Family Circle*),
c/o Office of Public Management,
252 Gray's Inn Road, WC1.
April 18.

Childcare provision

From Lady Rees-Mogg

Sir, As Fiona Cannon, of Employers for Childcare, suggests (letter, April 20), provision of childcare has to be a partnership. At this society we run nine community-based nurseries and our core funding is provided by Westminster City Council; all parents pay subsidised fees and we actively seek charitable donations. We also run two dedicated workplace nurseries for the private sector.

Our experience is that the mixed economy approach provides a much-needed childcare service for parents, regardless of whether they are employed. The benefits of nursery education are well documented and we should be making every effort to increase provision for those parents who want it. The mixed economy approach is a true partnership of State, parents and the private sector.

Yours faithfully,
GILLIAN REES-MOGG
(Chairman, Executive Committee),
Westminster Children's Society,
121 Marsham Street, SW1.

Boom and nemesis

From Mr D. J. Kidd

Sir, I regard your editorial of April 18, "The error cycle", as completely misconceived. The late-1980s boom, in my view, was caused not by lax fiscal policy but by errors in monetary policy, notably the abandonment of money supply targets for an exchange rate goal. Cutting taxation was not an error, but a redeeming feature of the period, regrettably not carried far enough (a deficit is not inflationary, as I see it, unless the manner of its funding increases the money supply).

There is a completely different argument, of course — but one you do not use — that payment of interest on national debt should not be permitted to grow because posterity will be saddled with taxation for current government spending. But that, too, is an issue on which judgment may differ. In the final analysis the British public may well feel that the last organisation to which they can responsibly give further money is the Government, and that posterity is best looked after by the retention of money in private hands.

Yours faithfully,
DAVID J. KIDD (tax partner),
Citroen Wells
(Chartered accountants),
1 Devonshire Street, W1.
April 21.

A window on faith

From the Reverend Alan F. Jesson

Sir, Thank you for the colourful picture (April 14) of the restoration of the stained-glass window representing William Tyndale and the work of Bible translation. I worked for a number of years in the same room as that window and am pleased that it is having a new lease of life at Hertford College, Oxford.

The window formerly graced the library of the British and Foreign (not Commonwealth as stated) Bible Society. This society, founded in 1804, has always taken a whole-world view in its activities.

The exclamation, "If for Wales, why not for the Kingdom; why not for the world?" attributed to the Baptist minister Joseph Hughes at a meeting in 1802 to discuss the formation of such a society, has from the beginning been an unofficial watchword of the BFBS; so much so that there are now some 111 sister societies and Bible Society offices working in over 180 countries of the world, all co-operating through the United Bible Societies.

Yours faithfully,
ALAN F. JESSON
(Librarian, BFBS, 1976-84),
25 Market Street,
Swavesey, Cambridge.

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Lessons of Gorazde

From Professor Adrian Hastings

Sir, Simon Jenkins's argument for getting out of Bosnia ("Out of the valley of death", April 20) is fallacious, both morally and militarily, and its implementation would be disastrous politically. The crucial fact is the arms embargo, imposed upon a legitimate government, democratically elected.

If all the tanks are on one side (obtained from Serbia) and most of the people are on the other, the reason is very simple: the international community has systematically prevented the majority of the people of Bosnia from defending themselves against genocidal aggression, imposing an obligation on the international community to defend them itself and making it responsible for the consequences if it fails to do so. That is why the atrocities of Gorazde could take place.

The West had created the situation in which a beautiful town, more than 70 per cent Muslim, could be all but overrun (and may still be) in a wholly barbaric manner, despite the long and heroic defence of its essentially civilian guards.

The tanks that threatened to destroy Gorazde (and still may do so) are no other than those moved from Sarajevo after the UN's imposed ceasefire. It was criminal negligence to allow their redeployment.

Yours,
ADRIAN HASTINGS,
Alliance to Defend
Bosnia-Herzegovina,
40-41 Conduit Street, W1.
April 25.

Red Cross values

From Canon Eric Saxon

Sir, The British Red Cross Society rightly calls upon people to support its relief work in Bosnia and elsewhere. I have been its supporter for over 40 years and I was awarded the society's badge of honour in 1969, the year before the Red Cross celebrated its centenary. I was told that this was given specifically in recognition of the spiritual support I had given to the East Lancashire branch of the Red Cross Society by holding annual services at St Ann's Church, Manchester, over many years.

Imagine, therefore, my surprise and sadness to learn recently, in a letter from the head of the society's branch-support department, that in July 1991 the BRCS Council took the decision that "no official Red Cross services or events should be organised which might lead to a public perception that the Red Cross was anything other than an organisation without religious affiliation of any kind".

This, it seems to me, is not only to deny its history but to dehumanise the Red Cross by ignoring the spiritual dimension of its work. Those of us who have spent a lifetime in spiritual support of the Red Cross know how welcome such services have been up and down the country, and this new attitude of the society is deeply wounding to those people who are most ready to help.

The Salvation Army, Christian Aid and Cafod, societies deeply committed to meeting human need, do not find their religious dimension any handicap in their relief work, so why should the Red Cross? Should not the society go back to its spiritual roots, which have been its inspiration since 1870?

Yours truly,
ERIC SAXON,
27 Padstow Drive,
Bramhall, Stockport, Cheshire.
April 20.

Future of County Hall

From Mr Gideon Nellen

Sir, Your facile editorial (April 19) on Virgin's plans for an entertainment centre in London's County Hall failed to see any sadness in the announcement.

This wonderful public building should have had a use worthy of its stature and location. Instead we are to be given a mass hotel and garish entertainment.

Do Michael Heseltine and the London Residuary Body (who did so much to thwart worthy ideas for alternative uses for the building) feel that this is a fitting contribution to the international status of London?

Yours sincerely,
GIDEON NELLEN,
19 Albemarle Street, W1.
April 22.

From Mr William James Smith

Sir, Your leader on County Hall describes the Greater London Council as "a ridiculous London authority" and the speeches that were made in the GLC council chamber as "inept".

It is, in my opinion, your leader itself which is ridiculous and inept. The GLC, which was set up in order to represent a wider area than did the old LCC, was, despite some blemishes, an effective government for the capital, which, as almost everyone now admits, was far better run then than it is now.

The GLC was abolished by Mrs Thatcher — and London left (alone among the Western capitals) without an overall authority — out of spite because she found that her party could not keep control of it. The splendid County Hall, built and paid for by the people of London, was at the same time stolen from them by the same Government. Londoners should not forget that.

Yours faithfully,
W. J. SMITH
(Head Archivist to the
Greater London Council, 1972-78),
5 Gravel Hill, Emmer Green,
Reading, Berkshire.
April 20.

No return to sender

From Mr Raymond V. Coleman

Sir, Mr Paul Hickman (letter, April 22) admits to using reply-paid envelopes for unconnected private mail and asks to whom he may have created an offence. He may possibly be obtaining a pecuniary advantage by deception. He is certainly creating an offence to the original sender who, in most cases, would not be charged postage if the reply-paid envelope were unused.

Yours truly,
RAYMOND COLEMAN
(Financial management
consultant (charities)),
4 Old Garden Court,
Mount Pleasant, St Albans,
Hertfordshire.
April 22.

Horses for courses

From Commander Edgar M. Horne, RN (retd)

Sir, Despite Dr Coker's obvious secret ambition to command a battleship, Admiral Sir Peter Woodhead is an inspired choice as Prisons Ombudsman (report, April 20). As Samuel Johnson observed:

No man will be a sailor who has contrivance enough to get himself into a jail; for being in a ship is being in a jail, with the chance of being drowned . . . A man in a jail has more room, better food, and commonly better company.

Your obedient servant,
E. M. HORNE,
Manor Cottage, Winterbourne Stoke,
Salisbury, Wiltshire.
April 21.

From Mr J. A. Finnigan

Sir, I would take issue with Dr John Coker (letter, April 21). This horse has changed course, I hope appropriately, and the new Ombudsman is not the first sailor to have contact with the Prison Service, viz. Lord Mountbatten.

Yours faithfully,
JOHN FINNIGAN
(Captain, Royal Navy (retd)),
Chief Executive and Clerk to the
Magistrates' Courts Committee,
Bayley Hall, Hertford.
April 22.

COURT CIRCULAR

WINDSOR CASTLE
April 25: The Queen this morning visited the New Astley Club, Fred Archer Way, Newmarket, and was received by Her Majesty's Lord-Lieutenant for Suffolk (the Lord Belstead).

Her Majesty unveiled a commemorative plaque before touring the club, escorted by the President (Major General Sir George Burns).

The Queen, Patron, the Jockey Club, later visited the Jockey Club Rooms, High Street, Newmarket, and honoured the Senior Steward (Lord Hartington) with her presence at Luncheon.

Her Majesty, Patron, this afternoon visited the Animal Health Trust, Lanwades Park, Kennet, and was received by The Princess Royal (President) and the Chairman (Lord Fairhaven).

The Queen toured Lanwades Hall, escorted by Dr Andrew Higgins (Director), and subsequently unveiled a commemorative plaque.

Afterwards Her Majesty toured the George A.Moore Centre and Balaton Lodge.

The Lady Angela Oswald, the Rt Hon Sir Robert Fellowes and Mr Michael Oswald were in attendance.

The Duke of Edinburgh left Heathrow Airport, London, this morning for the Republic of Trinidad and Tobago.

Sir Brian McGrath was in attendance.

BUCKINGHAM PALACE
April 25: The Prince Edward, President, this afternoon attended the Lord's Taverners' Spring Luncheon at the London Hilton, Park Lane, London W1.

Lieutenant Colonel Sean O'Dwyer was in attendance.

April 25: The Princess Royal, Honorary Member, the Jockey Club, this afternoon attended a Luncheon at the Jockey Club Rooms, High Street, Newmarket, and was received by Mr.George Paul (Deputy Lieutenant of Suffolk).

Her Royal Highness, President, Animal Health Trust, later received The Queen, Patron, at Lanwades Hall, Kennet, Newmarket.

The Princess Royal, Patron, British Executive Service Overseas, this evening attended a Music Recital and Reception at the Shell Centre, Southbank, London SE1.

Mrs William Nunneley was in attendance.

ST JAMES'S PALACE
April 25: The Prince of Wales, President, Business in the Community, this afternoon presented The Prince of Wales Award for Innovation at St James's Palace.

His Royal Highness afterwards attended a presentation to the Rt Hon John Major MP (Prime Minister and First Lord of the Treasury) and the Rt Hon Peter Brooke MP (Secretary of State for National Heritage) at St James's Palace.

The Prince of Wales, President, The Prince's Trust, this evening attended a Barbra Streisand Concert at Wembley Arena, London NW10.

Mr Matthew Butler was in attendance.

KENSINGTON PALACE
April 23: The Princess of Wales, Colonel in Chief, The Princess of Wales's Royal Regiment (Queen's and Royal Hampshires), today visited the 2nd Battalion at Grosvenor Barracks, Enniskillen, County Fermanagh.

Miss Anne Beckwith-Smith and Mr Patrick Jephson were in attendance.

JAMES MORGAN



Willi Elsener, centre, executive chef at the Dorchester Hotel, Park Lane, tasting a sauce as he and his team prepared for last night's Champagne Mumm Gala Gastronomy Dinner in honour of the 23 British chefs who have received new Michelin stars. The dinner was attended by around 180 chefs and other leading names in the hotel and restaurant business including many from Britain's 62 Michelin-starred establishments

Birthdays today

Mr John Battle, MP, 43; the Marquess of Bute, 36; Mr Justice Cazalet, 58; Mr David Coleman, sports commentator, 68; the Earl of Dartmouth, 70; Sir Gordon Downey, former Comptroller and Auditor General, 66; Mr J.C.B. Gosling, principal, St Edmund Hall, Oxford, 64; Professor Margaret Gowing, scientific historian, 73.

Mr Stuart Higgins, editor, The Sun, 38; Professor Sir James Holt, former master, Fitzwilliam College, Cambridge, 72; Mr M.L.R. Isaac, former headmaster, Latymer Upper School, Hammersmith, 66; Dr Lynne Jones, MP, 43; Sir Michael Joughin, former chairman, Scottish Hydro-Electric, 68; Major-General Harry Knutton, former director-general, City and Guilds of London Institute, 73; Dr Dame Anne McLaren, zoologist, 67; Professor Wilfrid Mellers, composer, 80; Sir Oliver Millar, Surveyor Emeritus of The Queen's Pictures, 71; Professor J.E. Morpurgo, professor of American literature, 76; Mr Peter Schaufuss, ballet dancer and choreographer, 45; Dame Margaret Scott, founding director, Australian Ballet School, 72; Professor Sir James Sutherland, professor of modern English literature, 94; Dr Ian Twinn, MP, 44; Mr Derek Waring, actor, 64; Mr Morris West, novelist, 78; Mr Willie Wood, bowler, 56.

Luncheon

HM Government
Baroness Chalker of Wallasey, Minister of State for Foreign and Commonwealth Affairs and Minister for Overseas Development, was the host at a luncheon given by Her Majesty's Government yesterday at Lancaster House in honour of M Robert Dossou, Minister of Foreign Affairs, Benin.

Dinners

Freight Transport Association
Mr Howard Davies, Director General of the CBI, was the principal guest at the annual dinner of the Freight Transport Association held last night at the London Hilton on Park Lane. Mr R.A. Clark, president, presided.

Wycliffe College
Mr David Prichard, Headmaster Wycliffe College, was host at a dinner at the Carlton Club last night. Among the guests were:
Herr Wolfgang Tumulka, Mrs Barbara Glasmacher, Miss Theresa Glasmacher, Mrs Alexandra von Bülow-Steinbels, Mr John Bennetts, Mr Richard Gorst, Mr Jonathan Leigh and Mr Patrick Scanlan.

Appointment

Sir Christopher France to be Chairman of the Council of Queen Mary and Westfield College, University of London.

Today's royal engagements

The Prince of Wales, as Patron of the Marylebone Centre Trust, will be host at a luncheon at St James's Palace at 1.00 for the newly created centre for community care and primary health; as Patron of the London and Quadrant Housing Trust, will visit the projects at Sancroft Street and Newborn Street, SE11, at 3.30; and, as Joint President of the Prague Heritage Fund, will be the host at a reception for supporters at St James's Palace at 6.30.

Prince Edward, as patron, will attend a concert given by the City of Birmingham Symphony Orchestra at the Symphony Hall, International Convention Centre, Birmingham, at 7.20.

The Princess Royal, as President of the Save the Children Fund, will attend the launch of the 75th birthday appeal at Marlborough House at 10.00; as Patron of the College of Occupational Therapists, will open the new occupational therapy workshop at St Clement's Hospital, Foxhall Road, Ipswich, at 1.50. As President of the Save the Children Fund, she will attend a reception at Ipswich Town Hall at 2.45 to mark the fund's birthday for the town appeal; and, as Patron of the UK Antarctic Heritage Trust, will attend a reception at Butchers' Hall at 7.00.

The Duchess of Gloucester will visit the Springboard Opportunity Centre, Sunhill Park, Clevedon, at 11.45; will open the new UK Transplant Support Service Authority headquarters at Stoke Gifford, Bristol, at 1.25; and will visit Barrs Court Primary School, Warmley, Avon, at 2.40.

The Duke of Kent will open the rock garden at the Royal Botanic Gardens, Kew, at 11.00.

Legal appointment

Richard Saul Harper to be a district judge of the Principal Registry of the Family Division from May 3.

Lincoln's Inn pupillage awards

Major awards for 1994
Scholarships
Denning Scholarships: Jawdat Kurshid, St Catherine's College, Oxford; Elizabeth Atkinson, Leeds University.
Kennedy Scholarships: James Butters, New College, Oxford; Sarah Geraghty, Christ Church, Oxford.
Cassel Scholarships: Julianna Mitchell, Birmingham University; Elizabeth Willmot, Merton College, Oxford.
Shelford Scholarships: Sarah Phillimore, University College London; Megan Smith, University College of Wales, Aberystwyth.
Droop Scholarships: David Lammy, School of Oriental and African Studies, London; Benjamin Williams, Exeter College, Oxford.
Walter Wigglesworth Scholarship: John Thackray, Leeds University.
Eastham Scholarship: Juliet Gibbon, Glamorgan University.
Megarry Scholarships: David Pope, Edinburgh University; Sadie Wright, Trinity Hall, Cambridge.
Hubert Greenland Scholarship: Alexander Williams, Merton College, Oxford.
Levitt Scholarship: Lucy Hawkins, Durham University.
Sir Thomas More Bursaries
Syeda Bokhari, School of Oriental and African Studies, London; Lucy Bolton, Nottingham University; Jain Brown, Thames Polytechnic; Emma Burden, Newcastle University; Christopher Edwards, Peterhouse, Cambridge; Patricia Harding, Bristol University; Mark Henley, Christ's College, Cambridge; Alexandra Issa, St Hugh's College, Oxford; Sarah Kewley, Birmingham University; Rachael Morton, Warwick University; Caroline Murphy, University of Central England at Birmingham; Vincent Scheurer, Brasenose College, Oxford; Ian Skelt, Newcastle University; Elizabeth Stern, University College London; Paul Treble, Sheffield University; Lucy Wyles, Merton College, Oxford.
Hardwicke Entrance Scholarships awarded Hilary Term 1994
Emma Bruggemann, Newcastle University; James Butters, New College, Oxford; Ashley Crossley, Jesus College, Oxford; Catriona Gardner, Trinity College, Cambridge; Alexander Gordon, St Peter's College, Oxford; Amanda Hamilton, London University; Jonathan Harris, Jesus College, Oxford; Samantha Knights, Somerville College, Oxford; Sabrina Lippell, Southampton University; Gabrielle McAvock, University of East London; Caroline Murphy, University of Central England, Birmingham; Simon Priddis, Downing College, Cambridge; Anthony Shatz, University College London; Peter Young, Buckingham University.

Appointments in the Forces

Royal Navy and Royal Marines
COMMANDER: Q C L Banting - Cochrane 2.8.94; G C Hunt - JWS Poole 11.11.94; T J Roberts - Staff of 2SL/CNH - 16.8.94.
Retirements
COMMODORE: R J Lowndes - 7.7.94.
CAPTAIN: E M Hackett - 7.7.94; P W W Ridley - 7.7.94.
The Army
BRIGADIER: R A Draper - To be DA/MA India 25.4.94
COLONEL: S F'E Evans - To RPO Chester, 25.4.94.
LIEUTENANT COLONEL: M B Cooper RA - To MS, 25.4.94; P C Cort REME - To HQ REME Trg Gp, 25.4.94; M G A Drage Gren Gds - To HQ AMF(L) (BAE), 25.4.95; S J Knapper Staffords - To be CO 1 Staffords, 25.4.95; J S Lloyd Gren Gds - To be CO ITB Catterick, 27.4.94; A Poole RA CH D - To Pool of Chaplains UK, 29.4.94; P A J Sheridan RE - To MS, 25.4.94; C W Tadier RA - To SHAPE Staff (BAE), 25.4.94; K W Kiddle RRF - To be CO 5 RRF, 28.4.94
Royal Air Force
WING COMMANDER: G Blanchfield - To MOD ACDS OR(AIR) 11.4.94; J A Cliffe - To D Air Plans 11.4.94; J S Douglas - To BDS Washington 11.4.94; J O Bates - To MOD DGSTI 25.4.94; B R G Chambers - To No 16 MU RAF Stafford 25.4.94; M J K Watkins - To PA RAF HOSP Wroughton 25.4.94.

Anniversaries

BIRTHS: Marcus Aurelius, Roman Emperor 161-180 AD, Rome, 121; Leonardo da Vinci, painter, sculptor, architect and engineer, Vinci, 1452; Thomas Reid, philosopher, Strachan, Grampian, 1710; John James Audubon, naturalist and artist, Les Cayes, Santo Domingo, 1785; Eugène Delacroix, painter, Charenton-St-Maurice, France, 1798; Alfred Krupp, industrialist, Essen, 1812; Artemus Ward (pen name of Charles Farrar Browne), writer, Waterford, Maine, 1834; Syngman Rhee, 1st President of the Republic of Korea 1948-60, Kaesong, 1875; Michel Fokine, ballet dancer and choreographer, St Petersburg, 1880; Rudolf Hess, Nazi war criminal, Alexandria, Egypt, 1894; John Grierson, documentary film producer, Perth, 1898.

DEATHS: Jeremy Collier, controversialist, London, 1726; Karsten Niebuhr, explorer, Meldorf, Holstein, 1815; Henry Cockburn, judge, Edinburgh, 1854; Henry Hobson Richardson, architect, Brookline, Massachusetts, 1886; Bjornstjerne Bjornson, novelist and dramatist, Paris, 1910; Carl Bosch, chemist, Nobel laureate 1931, Heidelberg, 1940; Edwin Pratt, poet, Toronto, 1964; Sidney James, actor, Sunderland, 1976; Dame Cicely Courtneidge, actress, London, 1980; William (Count) Basie, jazz bandleader and pianist, Florida, 1984.

The Great Plague began in London, 1665.

John Wilkes Booth, actor, the assassin of President Lincoln (April 14), was shot dead by troops, 1865.

The Duke of York married Lady Elizabeth Bowes-Lyon in Westminster Abbey, 1923.

An accident at the Soviet nuclear power station at Chernobyl led to far-reaching increases in radiation levels, 1986.

Society of Antiquaries of London

At the anniversary meeting on Thursday, April 21, 1994, the following elections were made: President, Professor B.W. Cunliffe; Treasurer, Dr D.F. Renn; Director, Mr K. Painter; Secretary, Mr J. Cherry.

The Frend Medal was awarded to Professor W.E. Davies.

Forthcoming marriages

Mr P.L. Barnes and Miss G.F. Cook
The engagement is announced between Peter, younger son of Mr and Mrs Keith Barnes, of Woodthorpe, Nottingham, and Gillian, daughter of Mr Peter Cook and Mrs Hazel Cook, of Loughborough, Leicestershire.

Mr G.D. Cunningham and Miss L.L. Dyer
The engagement is announced between Gary, eldest son of Mr and Mrs 'Buddy' Cunningham, of Dorking, Surrey, and Lorie, daughter of Mr and Mrs Glyn Dyer, of Racine, Wisconsin, USA.

Mr A.D.W. Fothergill and Miss M.J. Barker
The engagement is announced between Alastair, only son of Mr and Mrs David Fothergill, of Cley-next-the-Sea, Norfolk, and Melinda, daughter of Mr and Mrs John H. Barker, of West Clandon, Surrey.

Captain R. Munro and Miss C.A. Hodgson
The engagement is announced between Robert, son of Mr and Mrs Peter Munro, of Weymouth, Dorset, and Kate, daughter of Mr and Mrs Alan Hodgson, of Abingdon, Oxfordshire.

Marriages

Mr K.I.M. Beddall and Miss M.K. Arlborg
The marriage took place in Verbier, Switzerland, on Saturday, April 23, 1994, between Mr Kim Beddall and Miss Maria Arlborg.

Mr N.M. Powell and Miss F.M. Pardoe
The marriage took place on Saturday, April 23, 1994, at St Mary's, Brinkley, between Mr Nigel Powell and Miss Fiona Pardoe.

The bride was attended by Rowena and William Tudor-Evans, Imogen Gillespie, Alexei and Isabella Franks, Emily and William Riggs and Freddie Archdale.

The reception was held at Brinkley House and the honeymoon is being spent abroad.

School news

Culford School
The Summer Term begins on Tuesday, April 26. Jeremy Sallis is Captain of Cricket. Sir Ranulph Fiennes is the guest at the Borneo Expedition dinner on Friday, May 6. Admissions tutors from Oxford and Cambridge colleges will be giving a presentation at the School on May 6. Representatives from other universities and colleges will be advising Sixth-formers on May 13. Pupils from all parts of East Anglia are invited to attend. The Open Day will be on Saturday, May 21 and an MCC XI will be playing the 1st XI on Wednesday, May 25. The Term ends on Wednesday, July 6.

Haileybury & Imperial Service College
The Summer Term at Haileybury began yesterday. D.A. Cruickshank (Kipling) continues as Head of School. J.E. Fox-Robinson (Lawrence) as Second Head, and Felicity S.H. Powell-Shedden (Allenby) as Third Head. R.E. Walker (Kipling) is Captain of Cricket. The Rev R.W. Bowen and the Right Hon Lord Trefgarne, PC, have joined the Council from which the Rev Canon R.H.C. Symon has retired. The official launch of the Vivat Haileybury! Development Appeal took place on Thursday, April 21 at the Middle Temple Hall. The Appeal, under the Presidency of the Right Hon Lord Stewartby, PC (OH) aims to raise £2.2m during the next year to build an indoor swimming pool and a Technology Centre, and to install a new organ in Chapel as well as complete the refurbishment of Big School. The Summer Concert will be on May 27 and Speech Day on May 28, when the preacher at the Commemoration Service will be the Rev Dr Arnold Wettstein, Professor of Theology and lately Dean of Chapel at Rollins College, Florida. The Haileybury Orchestra and Chapel Choir will give a concert at St Martin-in-the-Fields at 7.30pm on May 19. Term ends on July 2.

Holmwood House, Colchester
Summer Term begins today at Holmwood House, Colchester. Sports Day is on Friday, May 27: the Biennial Ball is on Friday, June 17 and term will end with Speech Day on Saturday, July 9.

St Elphin's School, Matlock
Term began on April 20 and will end on July 7. Celebrations of the School's 150th Anniversary continue with a Choral Evensong - shared with S Katharine's College, Liverpool - in Warrington Parish Church on May 4. HRH The Duchess of Kent will honour the School with a visit on May 10 and there will be a weekend reunion of Old Girls on May 14-15. There will be an Old Time Music Hall performance in Buxton Opera House on June 24. Details of this and all other activities are available from the School Secretary (0629 733263). Mr Peter Pollard, Headmaster since September 1979, will be retiring at the end of this term, to be succeeded in September by Mrs Valerie Fisher, recently Head of the Assumption School, Richmond, North Yorkshire.

Wycliffe College
Wycliffe College opened for the Summer Term yesterday with 557 pupils. The £2.5 million development programme starts on May 1. The pre-University awards to external 16+ candidates are granted by June 1 (application form from the Registrar). OW Day is July 2. Prize giving on July 9 by the Secretary of State for Education, The Right Hon John Patten, MP.

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Wednesday July 14th
Abraham answered: 'If they do not listen to Moses and the prophets they will pay no heed even if some one should rise from the dead.
St Luke 16 : 31 (REB)

BIRTHS

ARBUTHNOTT - On April 20th 1994, to Jane (née Redshaw) and Ian, a daughter, Hannah.
BENSON - On 1st March 1994, to Mark and Grace (née O'Connor), a son, Edward Patrick.
COKER - On 21st April 1994 to Grania (née O'Mahony) and Tim, a daughter, Georgia Grace Mary.
COTTERELL - On April 23rd, to Carolyn and Harry, a son.
COWPER-COLES - On April 22nd, to Elizabeth (née Willson) and Johnny, a son, Thomas Hugh, a brother for James.
DEANE - On 31st March 1994, to Geoffrey and Karen (née Wallace), the gift of a daughter, Eilean Rose.
FLEMING - On 23rd April, to Caroline (née Boscawen) and Angus, a son, George, a brother for Lucy and James.
GIRARDOT - On April 3rd, to Muff (née Delevingne) and Paul, a son, Charles Jack, a brother for Ella
GOOD - On 24th April, to Alicia (née Dalzell Payne) and Marcus, a daughter.
GREEN - On April 20th at the Wellington Hospital, to Pauline (née Alexander) and Paul, a son, George Brian Hadley, a brother for Harry.
GRIEVE - On 17th April 1994, to Caroline (née Hutton) and Dominic, a son, James Peter Hubert.
HOBBS - On April 14th, to Caroline (née Austin) and Peter, a daughter, Alice Mary
HUGHES - On April 22nd, to Sarah (née Bishop) and Simon, a daughter, Harriet, a sister for Alastair.
JACKMAN - On April 17th, to Nicola and Nicholas, a daughter, Elizabeth Bryony, a sister for Georgina Alice.
JOLLIFFE - On April 11th 1994, to Dawn (née Phelps) and Gordon, a daughter, Philippa Georgina, a sister for Callum Fergus.
LLOYD WILLIAMS - On Saturday 23rd April, in the R.U.H., Bath, a daughter, Emily Charlotte Hale, to Robert and Kate (née Hale).
MANN - On 17th April, to Lisa and Julian, a son, Joel Renjoul, a brother for Louis.
MITCHELL - On 19th April, to Janette and Patrick, a second son, Christian Thomas Patrick, a brother for Oliver.
MONNICK - On April 20th at The Portland Hospital, to Karen Rock and Stewart Monnick, a beautiful daughter, Josephine Rose.
OTWAY - On April 24th, to Karen (née Musker) and Sam, a son, Joseph Alan Musker, a brother for Duncan, Heather, Fiona and Jessica.
OWEN - On April 7th at King's College Hospital, to Helen (née Bland) and Christopher, a daughter, Mariana Elizabeth, a sister for Edmund.
POWELL - On April 21st, to Imogen (née Carilli) and Mark, a son, John Arthur Peter.
RANKINE - On April 20th 1994, to Susan (née Horsman) and Gordon, a daughter, Harriet Alice, a sister for Alexander and Jessica.
ROBINSON - On April 22nd 1994, to Carolyne (née Moore) and Alexander, a son, a brother for Francesca and Josephine.
SCOTT - On April 19th 1994, to Diana (née Meyer) and Ralph, a son James William, a brother for Camilla
STACPOOLE - On April 22nd, to Camilla (née Dexter) and Mark, a daughter, Hannah Lucy.
TREADWELL - On April 13th, to John and Anne (née Czaplinski), a daughter, Charlotte Susan, in Burlington, Vermont.
VYVYAN-ROBINSON - On April 21st, to Nicola (née Poston) and James, a son, Christopher Courtenay, a brother for Jessica.

MARRIAGES

AZIZ:BRICE - Adel Isaac and Sonia Jane were married on 23rd April at St Albans Church, Cheam. Now honeymooning in Hawaii.
BROWN:SCHMIDT - The marriage has taken place on 9th April 1994 at Bogense, Denmark, between Kevin Mark Brown, eldest son of Mr and Mrs T.J.C. Brown of Charlton, Malmesbury, Wiltshire and Dorte Schmidt, youngest daughter of Mr and Mrs K. Schmidt of Hasmark, Denmark.

DEATHS

ANDERSON - On April 22nd at Aldeburgh Cottage Hospital, peacefully after a long illness, John Freeman, beloved husband of Eva, loving father of Kim, Kandy and Neal, grandfather of Cameron, Georgina and Isabelle. Funeral Service at Aldeburgh Church, Suffolk, on Friday April 29th at 11am followed by burial at Aldringham Church. Donations if desired made payable to The Friends of Aldeburgh Hospital c/o Tony Brown's Funeral Service, Saxmundham, Suffolk.
BRENTON - On 23rd April 1994, peacefully at the R.S.C.H. Guildford. Sue Brenton (Sue Turner) former television producer and amateur equestrian. Funeral Service at Guildford Crematorium on Saturday 30th April at 11 am. No flowers by request but donations for "Cancer Relief MacMillan Fund" may be sent c/o Mr A.T. Gear, 14 Little Warren Close, Guildford GU4 8PW.
BROWN - Lilla. On April 22nd 1994, wife of the late Dr. Reginald Carr Brown (formerly Senior Lecturer in Physics and Careers Advisor at University College, London). Mother of Roger and Dennis and grandmother of Andrew, Sarah, Karen and Richard.
CASEY - Peacefully at home on April 25th 1994, Gillian Jamesina, beloved wife of Michael and mother of Nicholas and Alexander. Cut flowers to Cowley & Son, 12 Blackjack Street, Cirencester, Glos. Funeral 12 noon Friday 29th April, St Swithins Church, Quenington, Glos.
CIANO - John L.D. on 22nd April, peacefully after a short illness, aged 88. Greatly loved. Requiem at 10 am St Pius X, London W10, 29th April followed by burial at Kensal Green. All enquiries (081) 969-1819.
COTTESLOE - John Walgrave Halford Fremantle, Lord Cottesloe GBE on 21st April 1994 aged 94 peacefully at Kingston Hospital. Much loved husband, father, grandfather and great-grandfather. Private cremation at Putney Vale Crematorium 11.45 Friday 29th April. Flowers from children only. There will be no public memorial service at his specific request, but a private interment of ashes at Swanbourne at a later date.
DANAHER - Michael of Fethard, Co. Tipperary, latterly of Fulham, London, aged 66 years, died peacefully in his sleep on 23rd April 1994. Beloved husband of Mary, father of Anthony, Anne and Kevin and grandfather of Tim, Stephen, Christopher, Timothy, Katie and Ben. May he rest in peace. Funeral has taken place.
DOD - On 22nd April, Elfrida Marian, aged 92 years, formerly of Haslemere. Funeral Service will take place on Thursday 28th April at St Giles' Church, Totternhoe at 11 am followed by burial. All enquiries to S.A. Bates Funeral Directors, tel: (0582) 663633.
FLOYER-ACLAND - On April 22nd, Stafford Nugent, much loved husband, father and grandfather. Funeral at St Andrew's, West Stafford, at 2.30 pm on Wednesday April 27th followed by a private cremation. Donations, in lieu of flowers, to either The Army Benevolent Fund, 41 Queens Gate, London SW7, The West Dorset Macmillan Service, The Undercroft, Joseph Weld House, Herrington Road, Dorchester, Dorset or Marie Curie Cancer Care, 56 St Mary Street, Weymouth, Dorset. Enquiries to Grassby Funeral Service, 16 Princes Street, Dorchester, tel: (0305) 262338.
GLOVER - On 18th April, peacefully at Philbeach Nursing Home, Hythe, Norah, aged 88, formerly of Oswestry, Shropshire. Much loved mother of Vicky Hoskins and grandmother of Zoe, Adrian and Howard.
GRIFFITH - Geoffrey, peacefully on April 22nd, his family with him. Beloved husband of Jacqueline, father of Mark, Clare, Paul and Kate and grandfather of Lucy, William and Kirsty. Greatly loved by them all. Private funeral. At Geoffrey's request, no Memorial Service. Donations in his memory please to Motor Neurone Disease Research or MacMillan Nurses sent c/o Mason & Stokes, 54 Hewlett Road, Cheltenham, GL52 6AH.
HOVELL - Phyllis Mary of Old Lakenham, Norwich, peacefully on April 23rd 1994. Much loved sister of Audrey Maud Wood and aunt of Christopher Hovell Wood. Funeral Service at St John the Baptist and All Saints Church, Old Lakenham, Norwich, on Friday April 29th at 12 noon, followed by cremation. No flowers by her own request, but donations to St John the Baptist Church Fund, Old Lakenham, c/o G.W. Gooch and Sons, Funeral Directors, Kimberley Street, Norwich, Norfolk NR2 2RJ.
JORDAN - Peacefully on Sunday 24th April 1994, Air Marshal Sir Richard Bowen Jordan K.C.B. D.F.C. aged 92, husband of the late Monica, beloved father of Sara and grandfather of Richard, William and Harriet. Funeral Service at St Peter's Church, Stonegate, East Sussex, on Tuesday 3rd May at 12 noon. Family flowers only but donations if wished to R.A.F. Benevolent Fund, 67 Portland Place, London W1N 4AR.
KEIGHTLEY - Juliet Doveton (Judy), tragically on 23rd April 1994. Dearly loved by her family, Ben Thomas and her many friends. Private cremation. No flowers. Donations if desired to Wiltshire Gardens Trust, The Treasurer, 3 Coronation Road, Salisbury.
KESSELL - On 22nd April, suddenly but peacefully, Trevor, aged 67, much loved husband of Lyndy, adored father of Sally, Beth and Richard, beloved brother of June and father-in-law of Simon and Dick. Funeral Service on Friday 29th April 1994 at 12 noon at St Mary's, Thakeham, followed by private cremation. Family flowers only. Donations to Thakeham Church, c/o H.D. Tribe Ltd., 21 West Street, Storrington, Sussex.
KIES - On 23rd April, peacefully in her sleep at Gosmore Nursing Home, Hitchin, Joan Agnes (Betty), Widow of Dr. Jean Pierre Kies of Letchworth, dearly loved mother, grandmother and great grandmother. Funeral Service at East Chapel, Cambridge Crematorium on Friday, 29th April at 12.45 pm. Family flowers only but donations, if desired, to The Garden House Hospice, Letchworth c/o David J. Binks, 96 Walsworth Road, Hitchin, Herts.
LAWRENCE - On 22nd April 1994, in his 88th year, Leslie Partridge Lawrence of Thames Ditton, Surrey and late of Amalgamated Press and IPC. Much loved father of Jennifer and Julia and dear grandfather and great-grandfather. Funeral at St Christopher's Church, Hinchley Wood, at 3.45 pm on Thursday 28th April. Family flowers only but donations, if desired, for Cancer Research Campaign may be sent to A & E Longhurst, 21-23 Kingston Road, Ewell, Surrey.
LENARD - Andre, Avocat Honoraire a la Cour d'Appel de Paris peacefully at The Lister Hospital on 22nd April 1994, in his 93rd year. Requiem Mass at St Mary's Cadogan, Cadogan Street, London SW1, on Friday 29th April at 12.15 pm. Flowers to the Church. Lady Ampthill, 17 Cranley Gardens, London SW7 3BD, tel: (071) 244-8206.
LEMON - Peacefully on April 24th, Olive, aged 100, mother of Diantha, Philip and Janie. Much loved grandmother and great-grandmother. Thanksgiving Service at St Lawrence's Church, Effingham, on Tuesday May 3rd at 3 pm.
LEWIS - Dorothy (née Freeman), on 26th April, aged 83. Wife of J. Gabriel Lewis of Hampton, Middlesex.
LUGG - On 18th April 1994, tragically in Sendai, Japan, Richard James, beloved son of Margaret and dearly loved brother of Andrew, Christopher and Caroline. Requiem Mass at St Joseph's Catholic Church, Ladbroke Road, Redhill, on Thursday 28th April at 11 am. Flowers to Stoneman Funeral Services, Doran Court, Redhill.
MACKENZIE - Kenneth Mackenzie, former correspondent of The Times, Economist, Observer, died suddenly at Nicosia, Cyprus, 24th April. Memorial Service planned later. Communications to his brother, Archie Mackenzie, Strathcashel, Rowardennan, Stirlingshire G63 0AW.
MOUNT - On 21st April 1994, peacefully in hospital, Pamela (Sue) of Esher. Darling wife of Jack, mother of Bob and Linda and a much loved grandmother. Funeral Service, Friday 29th April at Christchurch, Esher, 1.15pm, followed by interment at Long Ditton Lawn, Woodstock Lane, Long Ditton. Flowers if desired to F.W. Paine, 108 High Street, Esher, Surrey.
NEALE - Elizabeth ('Jim') née Winlringham, on 23rd April, very peacefully, aged 94. Funeral at Oxford Crematorium on Wednesday 27th April at 2.45 pm. No flowers please.
NICHOLL - Helen, widow of Robert Nicholl of Merthyr Mawr, died peacefully at home on April 24th aged 85 years. Beloved and loving wife, mother and grandmother. Funeral at Merthyr Mawr Church on Thursday 28th April at 2.30pm. Flowers welcome. Enquiries to J.R. & M.F. David, Funeral Directors, St Brides Major, tel: (0656) 880306.
NORRINGTON - Mary, beloved wife of Harry of West Chiltington, Sussex, passed away peacefully on 22nd April. Service Worthing Crematorium 3rd May, 11 am. No flowers. Donations to MacMillan Ward, King Edward VII Hospital, Midhurst, Sussex.
PARKINSON - Michael, aged 49 years, Lecturer at University of East Anglia for 25 years. Enquiries to Peter Taylor Funeral Services, 85 Unthank Road, Norwich. Tel: 0603 760787.
PERCY-DAVIS - Marie-Claire on 23rd April 1994, after a long illness bravely borne, beloved mother of Nicholas, Christopher and Mark. Family flowers only, donations in lieu to the Cancer Relief MacMillan Fund or the Malcolm Sargent Cancer Fund for Children. All enquiries to Phillips, 68 Alma Road, St Albans, Herts., tel: (0727) 851006.
POWELL - On 20th April 1994, Isabel Georgiana (Isle), peacefully at St Mary's Convent, Worthing, formerly of 31 Stratford Road, Kensington. Funeral at Our Lady of Victories Church, Kensington High Street, at 2pm Thursday 28th April. Flowers only if desired to Ballards Funerals, 308 Old Brompton Road.
PRETTEJOHN - On 24th April suddenly in Queensland, Australia, Bridie, formerly of Tenby, Wales. Beloved mother of Noni and Robert and cherished granny to Emma, Sam, Louisa, Kim and Seton.
REGESTER - On Sunday 24th April 1994 peacefully after a long illness bravely borne, Hugh Adair, aged 79 years, previously of Saffron Walden. Beloved husband, father and grandfather. Funeral Service at Cambridge Crematorium on Friday 29th April at 11 am in New West Chapel. Family flowers only but donations greatly appreciated for St Georges Nursing Home, Royston, c/o Cecil Newling, 3 Green Drift, Royston, (0763) 243048.
ROTHES - On April 24th peacefully, Beryl Violet, Widow of Malcolm, Earl of Rothes, much loved mother, grandmother and great-grandmother. Funeral Service at St Mark's Church, Ampfield, nr. Romsey, on Friday April 29th at 2.45pm, followed by private cremation. Family flowers only please. Donations if desired to The Parkinson's Disease Society, 22 Upper Woburn Place, London WC1H 0RA.
SAINT - On 24th April, died peacefully in hospital after a fall, Margaret Saint (Peggy) of Loughton, Essex. Greatly loved mother of Audrey, Bunty and Maggie, and adored by 11 grandchildren and 3 great-grandchildren. Funeral Service 29th April, St John, Church Lane, 11am followed by private cremation. No flowers, donations welcomed to N.S.P.C.C.
SHAFTO - On April 24th, Charles Edgar Shafto M.B.B.S., Q.H.P., of Newcastle upon Tyne, beloved husband of Audrey, dear father of Penelope, Helen and Imogen. Service at Newcastle Crematorium on Thursday April 28th at 2.30pm. Family flowers only please, but donations if desired for Cancer Campaign for Research, 19 Saville Row, Newcastle NE1 8JE.
SILLEM - On April 25th 1994, peacefully at home, Stephen George. Dearly loved husband of Marquetta and much loved father of Anne and Susan, beloved grandfather of his six grandchildren. Private cremation following a funeral service at St Mary's Church, Worplesdon, near Guildford, at 2 pm on Tuesday May 3rd. Family flowers only but donations, if desired, payable to Haematology Patient Trust Fund, Royal Surrey County Hospital, may be sent to Robert Ayling Funeral Services, 25/27 South Road, Guildford, Surrey GU2 6NY, tel: (0483) 67355.
SIMON - Marjorie. On 23rd April 1994 aged 93, widow of Michael, dearly loved mother of Janet Holt, Anne Scott and Fenella Monk, and much loved and devoted grandmother and great grandmother. Funeral Tuesday 3rd May at 2.00pm at Fornham-All-Saints Church. No flowers please. Donations if so wished to Imperial Cancer Research Fund c/o L. Fulcher Ltd, 80 Whiting Street, Bury St Edmunds.
TREGONING - On April 21st 1994, peacefully in hospital, Marjorie Lydia (Meg) of Lilliput, Poole. Widow of Edgar Tregoning and a beloved aunt, great-aunt and great-great-aunt. Funeral Service Friday April 29th at 1 pm in St Nicholas Church, Sandbanks, Poole, followed by interment at Parkstone Cemetery. Flowers welcome to Deric Scott, Portman Lodge Funeral Home, 755 Christchurch Road, Bournemouth.
VAUGHAN-FOWLER - On April 24th 1994 at home Group Captain Peter Vaughan-Fowler, C.V.O., D.S.O., D.F.C., A.F.C., Croix de Guerre, Legion d'Honneur, Royal Air Force (Ret'd). Very dearly loved husband of Hilary and father of Alexandra Eyers, Susan Santamaria, Michael, Margaret-Mary, James, Philip, John and Catherine Bernard. Dearly loved father-in-law and grandfather of twenty two. Requiem Mass at the University Catholic Chaplaincy, Rose Place, St.Aldates, Oxford on Friday April 30th at 11 am. Family flowers only. If wished donations in his memory to the Catholic Chaplaincy Appeal. R.I.P.
WATTS - Suddenly on April 20th, Air Commodore Raymond Archibald Watts, CBE, AFC, FRAeS, RAF (Ret'd), aged 75. Beloved father of Glynis and Beverley and grandfather of Rachel and James. Funeral Service at Woking St John's Crematorium on Thursday 28th April at 1.30 pm. Enquiries to Ford Mears & Partners (0276) 25563.
WILSON - Peacefully at home on Sunday 24th April 1994, Thomas Dunlop Wilson, beloved husband of Paule Durand, loving father of Mark, Anne-Marie and Gillian, much loved grandfather of the family. Funeral Service at Neilston Parish Church on Thursday 28th April at 1pm, thereafter to Neilston Cemetery arriving at 1.40pm. All friends are respectfully invited to either or both these services. No flowers please. Donations if desired to Cancer Research.

MEMORIAL SERVICES

KING - A Service of Thanksgiving for the life of Evelyn King will be held in the Chapel at Clayesmore School, Iwerne Minster, Dorset on Tuesday 24th May at 12 noon.
ST JOSEPH - A Memorial Service for Emeritus Professor J.K.S. St Joseph will be held in Selwyn College Chapel, Cambridge, on Saturday 30th April at 12 noon.
WOODRUFF - A Memorial Mass for the late Hon. Mia Woodruff will be said at the Brompton Oratory on Tuesday 3rd May at 11am presided over by Cardinal Hume.

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ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

SCRIBENS - The family of the late Gary Scribens would like to thank all friends, neighbours and workmates for the messages of sympathy, flowers and donations to Cancer Research received in their sad loss.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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OBITUARIES

TREVOR CLAY

Trevor Clay, CBE, General Secretary of the Royal College of Nursing, 1982-89, died from emphysema on April 23 aged 57. He was born in Nuneaton, Warwickshire, on May 10, 1936.



THE most influential nurse of his time, Trevor Clay was largely responsible for the improvement in nurses' prospects over the last decade. When he began ward duties at 18, men were still banned from membership of the Royal College of Nursing. ("They will be allowed over my dead body," a former general secretary, Francis Goodall, was reported to have said.) But Clay proved to be an articulate and generally popular spokesman for the nurses. He was only the fourth general secretary of the RCN since its foundation in 1916 and the first man to hold the post.

Politically, Clay was a moderate who believed that well researched argument was a more effective weapon for nurses than industrial action. During his time as general secretary there were three ballots on the issue. Each time strike action was rejected. Other union leaders accused him of being too "tactful" and "dovelike" but Clay was delighted to have achieved so much "without ever hurting a hair on a patient's head". He often said of his work: "I am doing this to better nursing for the patient and not just for the betterment of nurses. That is why I am general secretary of the Royal College of *Nursing* and not the Royal College of *Nurses*."

Clay's period of office at the RCN was distinguished by three achievements. The first was the establishment in 1983 of a pay review body which from 1984 made independent recommendations on the pay of nurses, midwives and other members of the healthcare team (a reward for not striking in 1982). The second was the acceptance by the Government, in May 1988, of proposals to reform the training of nurses. The third was the implementation of a revised clinical grading structure for the nursing profession — the culmination of years of work for Clay — to give due recognition to the clinical skills of nurses.

During Clay's time in office, RCN membership grew from 197,000 to 285,000 (now standing at 305,000, it is the world's largest professional union of nurses). Clay maintained excellent relations with the other health service unions, as well as the medical royal colleges.

Although Clay was anxious not to draw attention to a number of firsts which punctuated his career, they were impressive. Not only was he the first man to hold the post of RCN general secretary, he was also the first male sister in the psychiatric unit at Guy's Hospital, (where David Stafford-Clark was pioneering psychotherapy), the first male matron at the Whittington and the first male director of nursing for Islington.

Trevor Clay was the son of a wheelwright, also a political moderate. His mother was a 1920s "flapper" and enthusiastic jazz singer, but having had six children in five years she handed over Trevor, the eldest, to be brought up by an uncle, an assistant town clerk. Clay failed the 11-plus and left Swinnerton High School, Nuneaton, at 15 to become a shoe salesman at the Co-op.

At the age of 17 he injured his foot and was taken into the local George Eliot Hospital, where, during his eight days in the ward, he was expected not only to recover but to help the nurses with other patients. He enjoyed the experience so much, he claimed, that he presented himself to an astonished matron and asked to become a nurse.

Clay became a registered general nurse in 1957 and afterwards studied for the registered mental nurse qualification at the Bethlehem Royal and Maudsley Hospitals in London. He became a staff nurse at Guy's in the psychiatric department before transferring to general nursing for a year.

In 1965 he became assistant matron to the new psychiatric department of the Queen Elizabeth II Hospital in Welwyn Garden City and in 1967 he went to the North West Metropolitan Regional Hospital Board as regional nurse (planning). He became director of nursing at the Whittington Hospital in London in 1967 and in 1970, following the implementation of the Salmon Report on nursing, he became chief nursing officer to the North London Hospital Management Committee Group, where he had the responsibility for 14 hospitals.

In 1976 Clay took a master's degree in public and social administration at Brunel University. In 1973 he had been appointed area nursing officer for Camden and Islington Area Health Authority (teaching), a post which gave him his grounding as a political animal.

He had meanwhile become an active member of the RCN, joining as soon as men were first admitted to its membership in 1960. He became a member of the then RCN ward and departmental section committee, RCN branch chairman for Hertfordshire and finally chairman of the then RCN Association of Nursing Management. In 1979 he became deputy general secretary to the College and succeeded Dame Catherine Hall as general secretary on her retirement in 1982.

Although Clay fought for the improvement of the nursing research base, he never lost sight of the importance of the nurse-patient relationship and believed that a good nurse had to have many qualities — caring and intelligent, assertive and decisive. Hence at the RCN congress at Brighton in 1988, he promised that those without the full complement of O levels would not necessarily be barred from nursing, providing they could demonstrate their suitability for the profession in other ways: "After all," as he told the press, "I left school without an O level to my name."

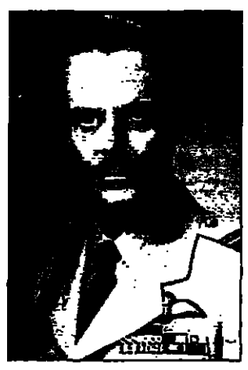
Clay was made a fellow of the RCN in 1985. He was also a member of the board of directors of the International Council of Nurses (ICN). His publications included *Nurses: Power and Politics* (1987), in which he explained why nurses wanted power without strikes — something which he continued to believe, despite the recent changes in the NHS, was not a naive objective. He was appointed CBE in 1990.

Although Clay had at one time smoked (fewer than ten cigarettes a day), he became a vigorous campaigner against smoking after developing emphysema in the mid-1970s. He carried on with his work at the RCN until being forced to retire on the advice of his doctor in 1989, though he continued to write a regular Clay column in *Nursing Standard*, the weekly journal of the RCN.

He leaves no survivors.

AIR VICE-MARSHAL JOHN ELTON

Air Vice-Marshal John Elton, CB, CBE, DFC, AFC, died in London on April 16 aged 88. He was born at Romsey, Hampshire, on May 5, 1905.



IN 1943 John Elton was involved in one of the mysteries of the Second World War. In July that year he was in Gibraltar at the request of Winston Churchill to preside at the court of enquiry into the air crash in which General Wladyslaw Sikorski, Prime Minister of the Polish government in exile and C-in-C of the Free Polish forces had been killed.

Some years later the author David Irving suggested that this enquiry had been a whitewash and cover-up. Elton rejected Irving's claims, which cited the later-day appearance of an eyewitness who claimed to have seen the crash and to have observed "a Michelin man appear from the aircraft and walk about on the wing".

Elton was asked whether he had considered the question of sabotage. "Not only did we consider it, but I went with this question firmly in my mind," he replied, pointing out: "If they had wanted to kill Sikorski, the last thing they would have done, or even could have done, was to arrange it at Gibraltar, right after take-off. If you want to do such a thing, you simply stick a bomb in a suitcase (or mailbag) and time it to blow up a few hours later, far away from Gibraltar and where you can blame it on the enemy." He concluded that Irving had no right to make his accusations as an amateur with no conception of the problems of flying a wartime bomber.

John Goodenough Elton was the first of three generations to serve in the RAF, being followed later by his son Peter and his granddaughter. He was the scion of a family from Hereford who were antecedents of the present Lord Elton. As a boy, from the verandah of Millbrook Rectory, Southampton, where his father served as rector, he saw the *Titanic* sail. The disaster had a great impact on his father since many of the crew came from his parish.

Elton was educated at St John's, Leatherhead, and joined the RAF in 1926. He served at home until 1931 and then with No 36 Squadron in Singapore, 1932-35, winning the AFC for introducing effective tactics for night torpedo bombing into the squadron. Back in Britain, he trained torpedo bomber pilots in the RAF and Royal Navy.

When war broke out he was a flight commander with No 70 Squadron in Iraq, but in October 1939 he was given command of No 47 squadron. Based in Sudan, this operated the Wellesley, a lumbering but robust bomber, thanks to its revolutionary Barnes Wallis geodetic construction.

During the Phoney War period the squadron's main task was to keep a watchful eye on the British convoy route through the Red Sea. But when Italy entered the war in the spring of 1940 the tempo of events in East Africa suddenly quickened. With overwhelming strength at his disposal in Ethiopia, the Duke of Aosta began aggressive operations against the sketchy British forces and native levies defending Somaliland, Kenya and Sudan.

Elton's squadron flew many bombing sorties over the difficult terrain, and these played their part in reducing Italian gains in Sudan and Kenya to a few insignificant outposts, until the British counter-offensive could begin in earnest. For his leadership Elton was awarded the DFC in 1940.

Later he served on the staff of Sir Arthur Tedder in Egypt, and commanded a succession of bomber wings attacking Axis shipping in the Mediterranean. Returning to Britain in 1943, he commanded two Coastal Command operational training units at RAF Turnberry. From 1945 to 1946 he was Air Officer in charge of Administration of HQ Mediterranean Allied Coastal Force.

Among Elton's postwar appointments were RAF member of the Western Union Military Staff Committee, 1948-50, and Commandant No 1 School of Technology Training, at Halton, Buckinghamshire, in 1951. He was air attaché at the British embassy in Paris, 1952-53. His final appointment was as Chief of Staff to the Head of the British Joint Services Mission in Washington, 1956-59.

Besides Gibraltar, Elton's war was enlivened by various incidents. He was responsible for giving the photographer Cecil Beaton a staff car during his visit to Egypt in 1942, and recalled later that the photographer was embarrassed at participating in nude bathing, then the custom. Elton appears with fellow officers in a photograph of the bar of an officers' mess in Egypt, taken by Beaton. In Gibraltar he danced with Vivien Leigh during her Ensa tour, returning to Britain on the same plane when he was shocked that the glamorous star had, like the rest of them, to be checked for lice as they landed at Plymouth.

In retirement Elton joined the Washington-based Capital Radio Engineering Institution. Working in Britain, his job was to interest the educational departments of the three services in international correspondence courses in electronics. From this he retired in 1970.

Elton married first, in 1927, Helen Whitfield. They had one son, but were later divorced. In 1949 he married Francesca, daughter of Count Giuseppe Cavallero, of Piedmont. During his later years he lived in Lexham Gardens, Kensington, where he was a staunch protector of local interests, fighting a successful battle against the gardens being converted into an underground car park, though perhaps less impressed by the recent suburbanisation of the gardens. It was a scruffy place when he arrived there. This soon changed when he founded the residents' association and served as chairman. His handsome figure was in recent years a reassuring presence in the square, and he epitomised the integrity of an earlier world.

He and his wife, Francesca, had been a dashing and glamorous pair in Rome in earlier days. They were generous hosts to a wide circle of friends and his wife ran a dress shop in Belgravia for some years called La Perla, one of whose customers was Vivien Leigh. He is survived by his second wife and his son.

CECIL GOULD

Cecil Gould, former Deputy Director of the National Gallery, died on April 7 aged 75. He was born on May 24, 1918.

CECIL GOULD was a leading scholar of Italian Renaissance art who joined the National Gallery in 1946 and rose to become Keeper and Deputy Director from 1973 until his retirement five years later. Notably tall and good-looking, with a lively mind, a sharp tongue and wide cultural interests, he moved a good deal on the social scene in London in his younger days. His interests included a deep, expert love of opera and he was an assiduous attender at Covent Garden and Glyndebourne.

Music and travel were his principal recreations and his attachment to both remained strong until the end. From art-historical activity he never retired, continuing to write and to lecture. A monograph he fortunately completed on Parmigianino is due for publication later this year.

Cecil Hilton Monk Gould was the only son of Lieutenant-Commander R. T. Gould, himself something of a polymath, who became well-known as a member of the BBC *Brains Trust* during the Second World War. Gould was educated at Westminster School and, after perfecting his German in Germany, studied art history at the Courtauld Institute, where he was regarded as a star pupil.



The outbreak of war interrupted his studies. He joined the Royal Air Force and served in several European countries as well as in the Middle East.

Although without a degree, he was appointed an assistant keeper at the National Gallery in April 1946, shortly after Sir Philip Hendy had become Director. At first assigned numerous prosaic tasks (including hire of the uniformed staff), Gould eventually received the magnificent *tranche* of the 16th-century Italian paintings to catalogue, a collection that comprised pictures by such artists as Raphael, Titian and, arguably, Michelangelo. His two careful, thoroughly professional catalogues were published in 1959 and 1962, and sensibly reissued in a single, updated volume in 1975.

Cecil Gould had quickly established himself — by articles and reviews — as a serious scholar in the field. He possessed real understanding of many of the greatest Italian Renaissance artists, not least Leonardo da Vinci. In 1976 he published a major monograph on the paintings of Correggio. But earlier he had extended his range of scholarly concerns, chiefly in the area of France. As well as organising an Arts Council exhibition of Corot, he produced a concise account of Napoleon's looting of works of art for the Louvre, *Trophy of Conquest* (1965), and a book on Bernini in France (1981).

Like virtually everybody privileged to work at the National Gallery, Cecil Gould was and remained absorbed by its ethos no less than by its collection. It and the Reform Club near by formed the two cardinal points of his existence, and continued to do so after he had left London for retirement — surprising in someone so cosmopolitan — in a village in Somerset. It meant much to him that the Trustees should have appointed him Keeper and Deputy Director, and he carried out the considerable duties loyally, capably and patiently, gaining the affection as well as the respect of his colleagues, to a degree he perhaps never realised.

His manner could be alarmingly grand on occasion, and he quite enjoyed putting down any reckless or erroneous remarks. Those who knew him well, however, easily discerned under the carapace of his manner someone of simple kindness, profound integrity and true generosity of spirit, in addition to being intellectually gifted.

One signal, valued honour came to him towards the end of his life. He was made a *correspondant* (foreign associate) of the Institut de France, though unable through ill health to be formally installed in Paris.

He was unmarried.

DAVID HOLDEN

David Holden, writer and broadcaster, died from a brain tumour on April 20 aged 34. He was born on November 30, 1959.



DAVID HOLDEN was one of the most promising writers of his generation, who in his fiction and journalism was developing a unique mid-Atlantic voice marked by its humour, compassion and enquiring scepticism.

David Arthur Holden grew up in Cranford, New Jersey, memories of which pervade his short stories. He never lost his love of small town America and its foibles: his film on the architecture of his home town is still broadcast regularly in New Jersey.

Before graduating from Dartmouth College in 1981, he spent a year as an exchange student at University College London. The experience marked the beginning of his love affair with this country and particularly London, where he eventually settled.

His fascination with the connections between Britain and America is one of the main themes in his collection of short stories *This is What Happens When You Don't Pay Attention*, published in 1991. The book was widely recognised as the debut of a significant literary talent which would blossom vividly in the years to come.

Holden was a prolific reviewer for *The Good Book Guide* and contributed many articles to publications including *The Times*, *The Guardian*, *Encounter* and *Index on Censorship*. *Index* was the focus of his journalism in the last years of his life and he became an energetic campaigner for free speech, known by human rights activists all over the world. His ability to capture the imagination with humour and verbal precision made him a formidable champion of the cause, not least in the many schools he visited to give speeches on censorship. It was typical of his courage and conviction that only weeks before his death from brain cancer, he was in Amsterdam for a free-speech conference.

Holden was also deeply involved in environmental and conservation projects, a leading figure in the Finsbury Park Action Group and campaigns against road-building. He was always able to inject sparkle into such ventures and was planning a new turtle conservation programme at the time of his death.

His passion for nature and the environment led him in 1993 to move into broadcasting and within months he was beginning to stamp his distinctively witty style upon radio programmes such as *Costing The Earth*, *The Natural History Programme* and *The Food Programme*.

His first broadcast — which memorably described his encounter with a one-ton turtle laying eggs on a lightning-torn beach in Papua New Guinea — was featured on Radio 4's *Pick of the Week*. He was expected by his producers to go from strength to strength.

Holden once described himself in a *Times* author profile as an "utter man of mystery". To his many friends, however, he was an enchanting presence who shared his life with them generously and candidly.

He is survived by his wife Anne.

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INCENDIARIES AT BISHOP'S STORTFORD

The greatest alarm has prevailed in the town of Bishop's Stortford for several weeks past, in consequence of the diabolical conduct of a set of villains, who, from motives of revenge for the capture and punishment of some of their friends who had been detected in committing several robberies in the neighbourhood, have made several attempts to set the town on fire: and, in one or two of these attempts, they have been so far successful as to do great mischief to several houses. On the night of April 5, a barn, used as a carpenter's shop, belonging to Mr. Warner, was set on fire, and that and an adjoining barn, the property of Mr. Francis Cole, were completely destroyed. One or two other fires took place, and the inhabitants being placed in a dreadful state of alarm and anxiety, a Committee of respectable persons was formed for the purposes of investigation, and, if possible, prevention of further outrages. This Committee held their meetings at the Vestry Room, and at their second or third meeting an anonymous letter was received, addressed:—"To the committee at the vestry," avowing that the fires which had taken place were the result of a premeditated plan, and threatening that the whole town of Bishop's Stortford should be reduced to ashes unless two persons, named in the letter, were released from prison, and unless the Committee desisted from their endeavours at detection, and withdrew the offers of reward which they had issued. The Committee still pursued their inquiries, and early in the morning of the 17th instant the house of Mr. William Francis, in North-street, was broken into, and set on fire in two places. At the same time a barn and outhouse were entered and burnt down. Mr. Francis, it appears, had taken an active part in the exertions of the Committee. Under these circumstances, application was made to Mr. Peel, the Home Secretary, who immediately caused a proclamation to be issued, offering a reward of 500 guineas for the detection of the offenders, and pardon to any accomplice who should give evidence against his fellows. An order was given for two active officers of Bow-street to go down and use their utmost exertions to bring the offenders to justice. Bishop and J.J.Smith were sent down last week, and yesterday information was received that they had succeeded in apprehending three men.

ON THIS DAY

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Sir Robert Peel, Home Secretary at the time, had not yet established the London "bobby", but his prompt response to the appeal for help suggests that his reform of the criminal code generally was already having an effect.

Direct links to ideal site

East Anglia is Britain's fastest growing region. A special report by **David Young**

Economists seldom agree, but it seems that as far as East Anglia is concerned they speak with one voice. It is the fastest growing region in Britain and all the indications are that it will remain so throughout the 1990s.

Ipswich, at the centre of the region, and with a long history of trade with Northern Europe, would appear to be ideally placed to benefit. It has excellent communications by rail and road with London, and its links with the rest of the country will shortly be improved when the A1-M1 link is completed in Northamptonshire, which will bring Ipswich into direct motorway-standard connections with every major business centre in Britain.

Ipswich also has space to grow and can offer excellent facilities to relocating companies. Their staff, too, can expect an enhanced quality of life. Constable country is on the doorstep, the Suffolk coast remains one of the most unspoilt and varied in Britain and housing costs are below the national average. The crime rate is lower and sport, recreational and education facilities in the area are excellent.

It was these factors which in the 1970s attracted Guardian Royal Exchange and later Willis Faber, now Willis Corroon, to the town. The two insurance companies are among the area's largest employers and have acted as a catalyst in encouraging other companies in the financial services sector to follow.

Other arrivals include London Underground, which set up its technical training operations in the town, and the Nuclear Electricity Training Centre has also been established in Ipswich. In addition several other well-known companies have moved into the Ransomes Europark where Ransomes, which is among the town's oldest and best known employers, has moved its operations.

Ipswich Borough Council is also determined to get the message across that Ipswich is at the beginning of the national trade routes not at the end.

Bill Marley, the town's economic development officer, has already drawn up projections of how important the new road links could be for Ipswich.

It is its closeness to the main business centres of Northern Europe that holds the key. Using the roll-on-roll-off facilities at Ipswich and at Felixstowe, road hauliers can move goods between most main business centres in the UK and in Northern Europe within 24 to 36 hours.

An EC report into trans-European road networks has identified the need for a London to Benelux road link and a Dublin to Benelux road link — in each case, using the ferry facilities at Ipswich and Felixstowe as the North Sea crossing. Mr Marley says: "The improved road links are vital for the whole country, but especially so for Ipswich. We are at the start of the chain and are ideally placed for European companies to do business in Britain or for British companies to service their European customers.

"The road network in Britain must be considered in the context of the European network. Towns such as Ipswich, once seen as being at the end of the road in Britain, will be regarded as strategically located at the border of Britain and mainland Europe. The fact that there are two major ports at the end of this road is clearly a critical factor in the designation of the trans-European routes.

"We are now establishing the type of businesses and the type of companies that we will be approaching to persuade them of the benefits of Ipswich.

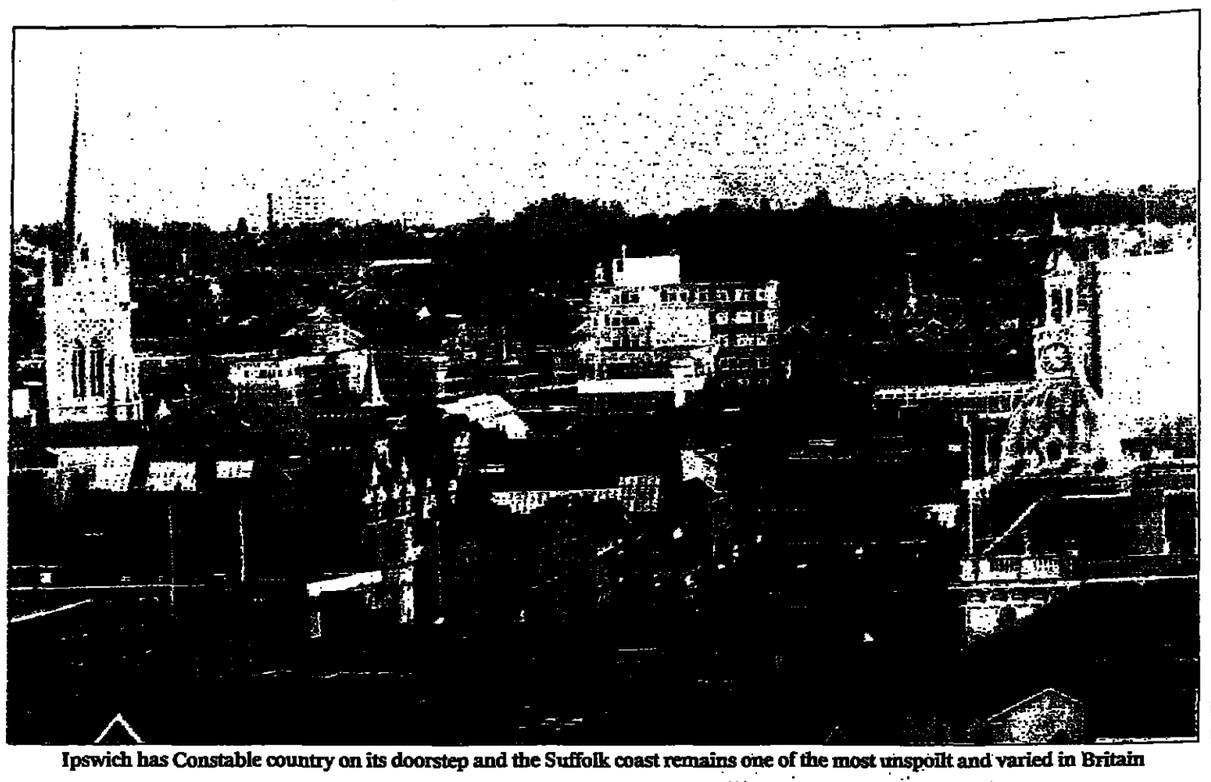
"We cannot offer grants and enticements that other areas which have assisted status can, but we are able to offer an ideal location, an excellent workforce, the availability of good quality sites and a good life for staff. Although we are on the coast, we are not out on a limb. Ipswich can prove that it is ideally located for any industry or business."

If there is a cloud on the horizon for the local economy it is the effect that the closure of the nearby USAF base at Bentwaters will have, and the end of the construction phase at the Sizewell B nuclear power station 15 miles up the coast. The impact of the single European market on the freight forwarding business has also resulted in some job losses as the need for export and import documentation has reduced.

When Suffolk companies were recently contacted by Prism Research Ltd, on behalf of the Suffolk Training and Enterprise Council, and questioned on whether the USAF withdrawal would have any effect on their business 21 per cent said that it would.

Partners in Prosperity, a grouping of local councils, business organisations, the local Chamber of Commerce and the TEC have recently analysed in detail the local economy and its prospects.

Its report says: "Suffolk experienced one of the fastest growth rates in the country in the mid to late 1980s, but has been deeply affected by the recent recession. Nevertheless... Suffolk has above average prospects for growth and recovery and offers excellent investment opportunities for those wishing to relocate."



Ipswich has Constable country on its doorstep and the Suffolk coast remains one of the most unspoilt and varied in Britain

When small is just right

Companies are confident that recovery will come

The Ipswich area has always been one where the small business has been an important part of the local economy. No single employer has dominated the local jobs market and no single industry has led to artificial influences on local business patterns.

The result is that the opinions of the small business community have always been important. The latest survey by Kidsons Impey, the chartered accountants, shows that businesses in Ipswich are more confident of recovery in the UK economy than smaller businesses in the rest of the country, although they are more modest about their own prospects.

The firm carries out a detailed survey each quarter and has found that 69 per cent of local respondents are confident and optimistic about the prospects for British industry compared with 62 per cent nationally. However, fewer local business people (63 per cent) are confident about their own company's future than the 75 per cent across the country as a whole.

Although confidence is generally high, with 79 per cent of local companies suggesting that their key business priority is introducing or improving customer service programmes and 75 per cent regarding investment in employee training as important, only 27 per cent suggested that taking on new staff was a priority.

Roger Burgess, a partner at Kidsons Impey's Ipswich office, says: "There is no doubt that the recession has done more than simply slow down local business. Much of local enterprise during the past decade was new, often operating in new markets and new technologies. But its very rate of growth and success made it fragile, and the timing of the recession hurt it very badly.

"The people who suffered are in many cases still suffering and, since all they knew was growth, often they don't have the resources or the confidence to overcome easily the kind of calamity which the past three years represents."



Unloading at Trinity terminal at the port of Felixstowe

The keys to Felixstowe's cargo control

Customers are attracted by the port's flexible services

The port of Felixstowe, which throughout the 1970s and 1980s underwent the rapid expansion which made it Britain's premier port and among the top 15 in the world, is set to continue its growth in the 1990s.

Deep-water berths at all states of the tides, a highly efficient and flexible management team and workforce are shortly to be given the additional advantage of improved road links to all areas of the country, with the port poised to increase its attractiveness to Britain's exporters and importers. The improved road link between the A1 and M1 will mean that Felixstowe's quaysides will be within an easy day's drive of all Britain's major industrial and consumer centres. A container arriving at Felixstowe will only rarely be more than a day away from eventual delivery.

The result of this success has meant that Felixstowe will soon see the start of work on the development of its Trinity 3 terminal on a 70-hectare site alongside the existing Trinity terminal. The first phase, for which permission is being sought from the transport and environment departments, will be a 630-metre extension to the north end of the present Trinity terminal. This will provide two new deep-water berths and their associated lifting equipment, and will increase the port's capacity by 300,000 containers a year to more than 1.5 million, providing berthing facilities for up to seven of the world's largest container ships at any one time.

> Trinity is Europe's fourth largest terminal

The £45-million extension is being funded internally by the port's owners, Hutchison Whampoa and Orient Overseas (International) Ltd, and will be ready for operation in 1996.

The existing Trinity terminal is now Europe's fourth largest terminal, and its ability to provide a flexible service which few other ports can equal is constantly winning it new customers, despite the fact that other European container ports are benefiting from government subsidies and incentives which are being offered to the world's shipowners.

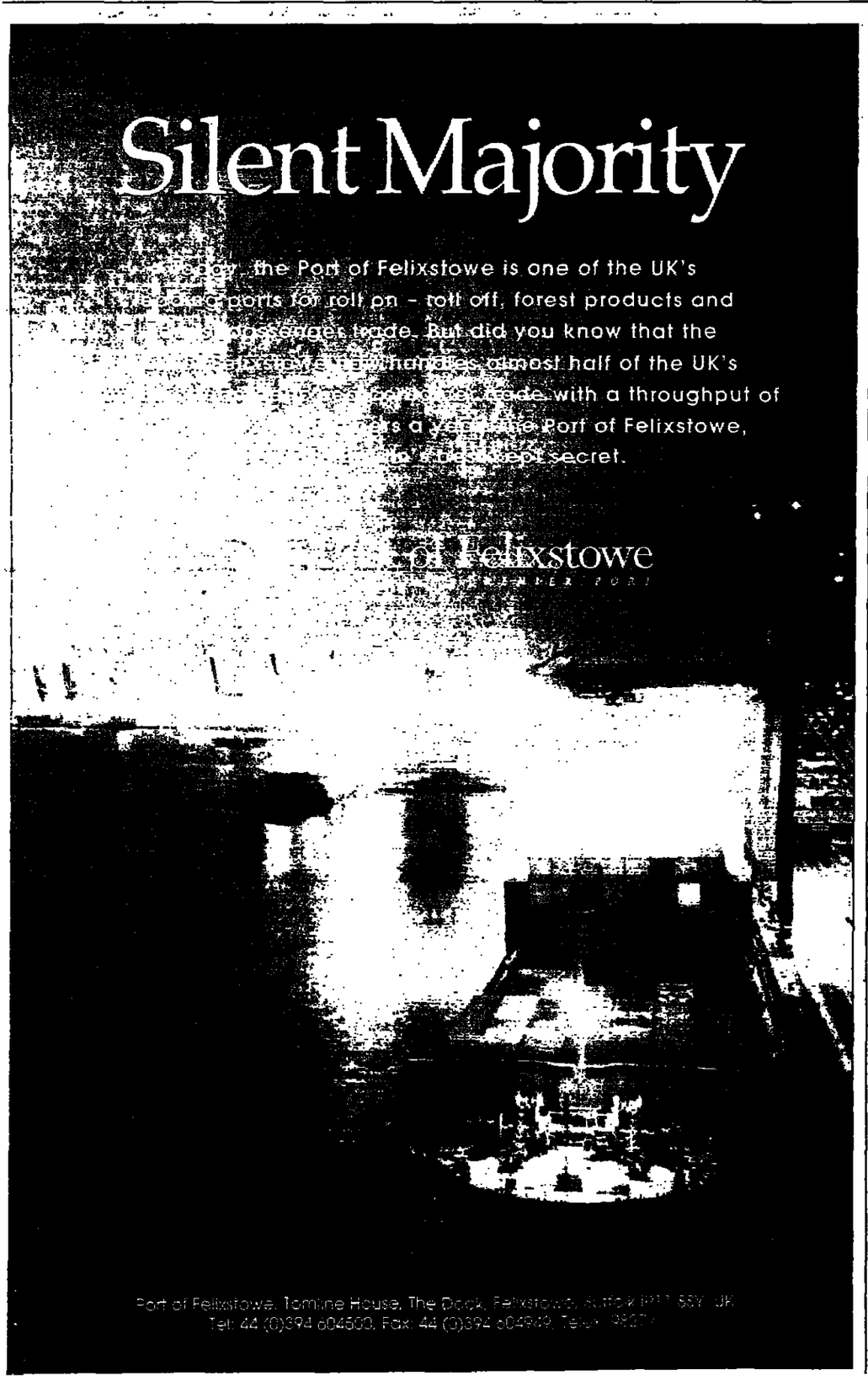
Derek Harrington, the port's chief executive, says: "We would like to see a level playing field. We are not asking for any form of government support or handouts, but our competitors are offering potential customers options such as soft loans and discounted rates to win new business. We feel that all European ports should be able to offer the same incentives.

"Where we have an advantage is on the quality of services we can offer. Our workforce has never been in the National Dock Labour Scheme which in the past caused problems at other ports, but they are no soft touch. The management and the workforce work together and we have the same objectives: to make Felixstowe the best and most efficient port in Europe."

The latest customs figures show that Felixstowe has already largely achieved that aim. Almost half of all the container traffic coming into Britain arrives at Felixstowe, and imports are broadly balanced by exports.

A major factor that has led to Felixstowe's success among the world containership operators is that no other Northern European port can match it for swift and cost-effective transfer of cargo from one vessel to another. The port pioneered computerised cargo controls in the early 1980s and its layout, with no parts of the terminal separated by public roads, means that trans-shipments are straightforward.

Also in its favour is that the port is close to the open sea, which cuts down on pilotage charges, and a programme of dredging carried out recently means that its berths can take most of the large containerships on the world trade routes. This summer, further dredging of the main channel will mean that tidal restrictions on even the largest ships will be kept to a minimum, bringing Felixstowe to the same standard as other European mainland ports.



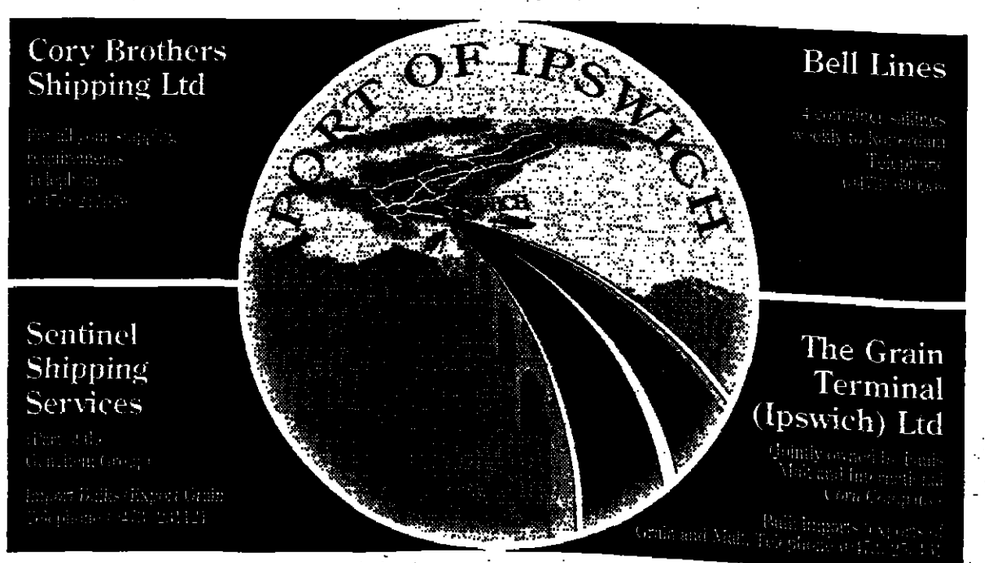
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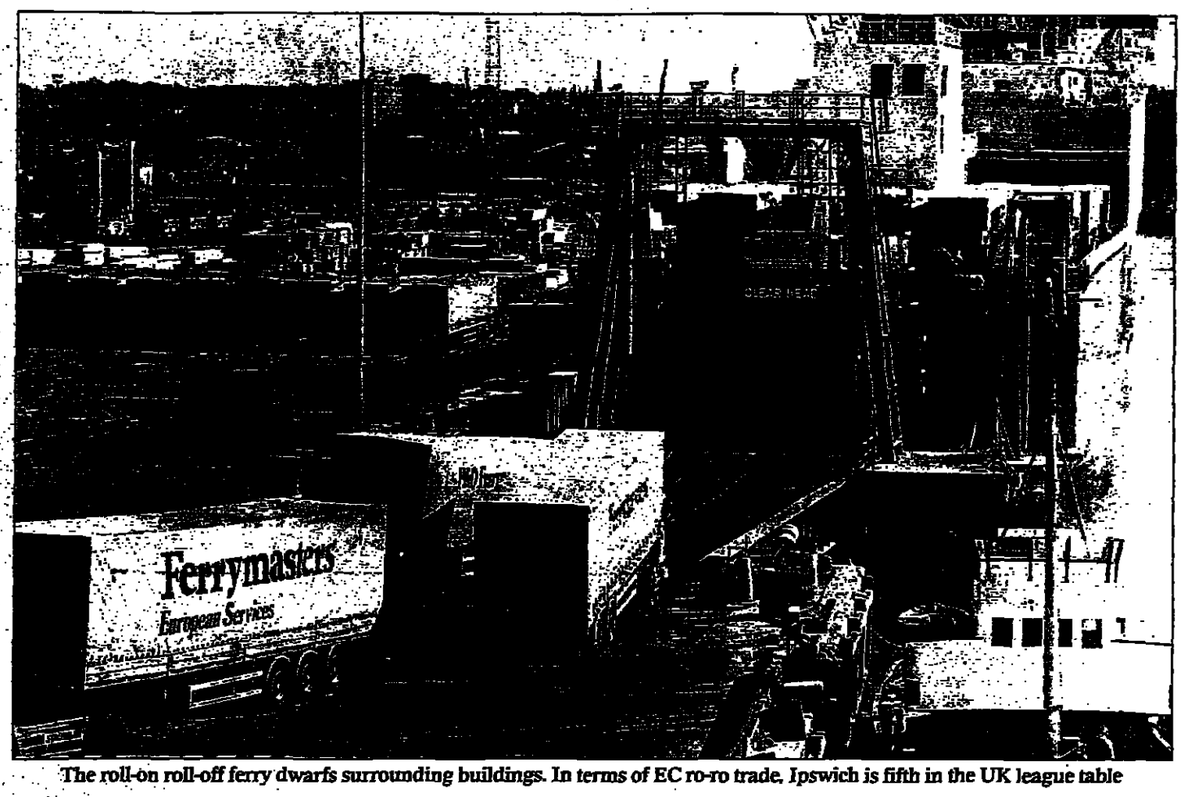


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A rising tide of business

Ipswich port handles more EC container cargo than London — and continues to expand



The roll-on roll-off ferry dwarfs surrounding buildings. In terms of EC ro-ro trade, Ipswich is fifth in the UK league table

No longer do the tall masted sailing barges line the quays at the port of Ipswich, but the cargoes they carried still arrive in the heart of the town, brought by modern container ships, bulk carriers and a massive roll-on roll-off ferry which dwarfs the surrounding buildings.

The port of Ipswich is, above all, a working port, although it is becoming increasingly attractive as a venue for the pleasure sailor. The marvellous Victorian buildings which are no longer used by the importers and exporters are gradually being converted into shops, offices, pubs and restaurants.

The fact that the port is only ten miles upriver from Britain's largest container terminal at Felixstowe has not prevented Ipswich from securing its own valuable share of North Sea container traffic. As many as three ships a day arrive in the heart of the town bringing in manufactured consumer products from the Continent and taking abroad British-made television sets, car tyres and engineering parts.

One of the longest-standing users of the port is Geest North Sea Line, the Dutch shipping company which has been servicing the east coast for more than 25 years. The owners of the company were on their way to Norfolk by train when they spotted the excellent facilities that Ipswich could offer and moved their operations there from other east coast ports.

Now, Geest North Sea is one of two shipping companies, the other being Bell Lines, which have their own container terminals within the port.

Geest North Sea specialises in servicing supermarket chains throughout the country, with containers collected at Rotterdam and brought across to Ipswich by a daily service. A container can leave Milan and, using Geest North Sea's rail service to Rotterdam and its ships to Ipswich, can be delivered to a customer in Manchester in 36 hours.

The company has recently opened new links with Romania, which provides an important service for the supermarkets which are now selling large quantities of their tinned products and Romanian wines.

It is the flexibility of operations into and out of Ipswich that makes it attractive for companies such as Geest and Bell Lines, and the operators who use the North Sea Ferries roll-on roll-off service. Also, being upriver, haulage rates of about £1 a container per mile are cut by about £10 each in comparison with Felixstowe, where much larger ships are handled.

Perry Glading, North Sea Geest's UK general manager, says: "The facilities at Ipswich suit us perfectly. Our ships can arrive at any state of the tide and the workforce at the port are able to unload and load our ships quickly. Turnaround times are only a matter of hours."

In terms of container traffic with other EC countries, Ipswich handles more cargo than London, a remarkable achievement for a port that manages to blend in so successfully with the town surrounding it. The North Sea Ferries service, which has 11 sailings a week to Rotterdam for roll-on roll-off traffic, means that in terms of EC roll-on roll-off trade Ipswich is now fifth in the UK league table and this year the amount of roll-on roll-off traffic could exceed the 1990 record when 128,265 units were handled.

Although container traffic is the mainstay of the port, Ipswich's traditional virtue of being able to provide excellent facilities for bulk cargoes means that the port is still a main centre for grain, aggregates and timber products from Scandinavia.

Last year, 1,885 ships brought in 2,562,757 tonnes of cargo and handled 1,686,162 tonnes of exports, figures which could be bettered with the upswing in the economy. Alan Hanson, the port's commercial manager, says: "We have many advantages over other ports on the east coast and as the economy picks up we are in an excellent position to offer our facilities to new customers and to maintain our services to our existing customers. There are lots of ports looking for business and we are highly competitive.

"We are a working port and we have the space to expand, while at the same time providing a real amenity for the town. We are very optimistic about the future and so are many of our customers."

The council that gets things done

Innovation has been the key to a strong and balanced economy

Not surprisingly, in its submission to the Local Government Commission now looking into the structure of local government in Suffolk, Ipswich Borough Council has argued that it should be given unitary authority status.

It argues that it has the resources to provide the services — as a county borough until 1974 it provided many of the services now controlled by Suffolk County Council — and backs its submission with a mass of statistics and research. As a Labour-controlled authority, and a capped one at that, in the middle of one of the most traditionally Conservative areas in Britain, it is also surprising that it has the firm backing of almost all of the private enterprise business community and of its local MPs.

The fact is that people in the area do not see their council in any particular political colour. They like the way that it gets things done and how it has won three Charter Marks for the quality of its services to the public.

Among its innovations is the appointment of an economic development officer — unusual for a local authority that does not receive any form of government assisted area handouts — to attract new business, and the appointment of a full-time official to look after the town centre. Ipswich was, in the past, criticised for not being a truly regional shopping centre despite its county town status, but now new businesses have been attracted with two large shopping precincts and a third planned. The installation of a closed-circuit TV system by the council covering all the town centre — and paid for out of already stretched resources — has improved the public's confidence in the centre and helped to keep the crime and vandalism rate lower than the national average.

James Hehir, the council's chief executive, explains the council's approach to its town centre. "Ipswich was only recently in a poor retailing position compared with the other main centres in East Anglia. The council's full backing for Legal & General's Buttermarket scheme was demonstrated by the dedicated work of council officers at every level to ensure the new centre was successfully completed.

"The results have been well worth the effort and we have also encouraged the expansion of the existing outlets, such as Marks & Spencer, in order to make Ipswich the premier centre in East Anglia.

"Through actively pursuing the policy of making Ipswich a regional entertainments centre, the council has attracted many more people into the town centre and stimulated trade for restaurants, pubs and local businesses."

His view of economic development is that it should not be an end in itself. "The basic aim is to work towards improving the quality of life for everyone in Ipswich. This can be achieved only if the town has a strong and balanced economy. Ipswich is a major force in the insurance industry. Now we want to build on that success."

It is these policies which have won the support of local businesses. Allan Howell, chief executive of the port of Ipswich, says: "We clearly support Ipswich having the ability to control the services that we use in the port and, of course, control the borough of which we are proud to be part."

There are signs of an imminent revival in building offices

Quality space at a premium



The Willis Corroon building in Ipswich, listed Grade I

Just as home seekers at a time of oversupply can now afford to make sure that the property they buy is precisely what they want, the company looking for office space is in the same position.

Ipswich has become a centre for the insurance industry. The result has been that that high-quality office space is at a premium, with some companies taking as long as five years to find suitable premises. However, there are signs that there could shortly be a revival of office building in Ipswich, with several major developers and property funds examining potential sites to provide new premises.

Richard Taylor, a specialist in corporate property at Bidwells, East Anglia's leading chartered surveyors, says: "There are signs that investors are realising that they should increase their involvement in the Ipswich area. It has been one of growth and there are signs that it will continue to be an area which will grow faster than the rest of the country.

"There is currently demand for quality commercial property in and around Ipswich, though the source of that demand varies widely sector by sector.

"On the office front there are signs that large organisations are in the market either as a result of rationalisation or possible expansion.

"There are no major planning applications in for new office premises in Ipswich, but I have the feeling that a new phase of high-quality commercial development is not far away. The local economy is continuing to grow and the advantages of Ipswich as a commercial centre continue to grow, with the quality of life demanded by large companies for their staff available in abundance."

While Ipswich has grown as a commercial centre, studies carried out by the local council some years ago identified the fact that it was not seen by many as a major regional shopping centre. That has since been addressed and the town now has two major shopping centres, at Tower Ramparts (1986) and the Buttermarket (1992), with a third, the Cloisters, planned. A programme of pedestrianisation has resulted in an excellent traffic-free environment for the shopper.

In the future, the areas with the greatest potential for growth in Ipswich lie on the edge of the town's ring road at Ransomes Europark and at Martlesham Heath, where high-quality commercial units are now being built.

The Ransome Europark has been designed and developed to take advantage of Ipswich's excellent connections with the ports and the roads network, and is already under scrutiny by several companies which recognise its ideal position for setting up facilities to service European mainland customers as well as the domestic market.

There is growing confidence among companies. Research carried out by the Suffolk Chamber of Commerce indicates that 65 per cent of local firms expect their turnover to improve this year and that 13 per cent could be in the market for new business premises.

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Bombs mark final day of white rule

■ *Suspected white extremists continued their bombing* offensive in a desperate attempt to forestall black rule in South Africa but their efforts seemed doomed to failure as the white parliament met in Cape Town for the last time to vote itself out of power.

There were at least six bomb attacks across South Africa yesterday. The worst, in Germiston, east of Johannesburg, left at least ten people dead and 36 injured when a 200 lb car bomb exploded at a taxi rank..... **Pages 1, 12, 13**

Economy pulls back from recession

■ Britain has clawed back the ground lost during the recession, returning to the economic levels of four years ago, when punitive interest rates brought about a sharp plunge..... **Pages 1, 23, 25**

Military Cross first

The first Military Cross to be awarded outside officer ranks after the two-level honours system was abolished has been given to Corporal Paul Dobson, 37, for gallantry in Bosnia..... **Page 1**

Eton head 'forced out'

The head master who liberalised *Eton in the 1960s was forced to* resign over his drinking and excessive beatings of boys, according to an insider's account which has divided Britain's most exclusive school..... **Page 1**

Warning to Serbs

Bosnian Serbs will have to withdraw from a substantial part of the land they occupy in the former Yugoslavia, Britain and America said..... **Pages 1, 11**

'Workfare' planned

All 18 to 24-year-olds without a job for at least a year face loss of state benefits unless they attend month-long training courses under "workfare-style" plans being considered..... **Page 2**

Mackay criticised

The Lord Chancellor, Lord Mackay of Clashfern, will face fierce criticism in the House of Lords tomorrow over suggestions that he threatened to sack a judge..... **Page 5**

Dirtiest river

A small river in Derbyshire is the most polluted in Europe, tests have shown..... **Page 6**

West wife charged

Rosemary West, whose husband Frederick has been charged with murdering ten women, has appeared in court charged with the murder of teenager Lynda Gough, aged 19..... **Page 7**

Butterfly alert

A campaign has been launched to *halt the dramatic decline of* butterflies. Most of the 55 species in Britain have disappeared from large tracts of countryside during the past four decades..... **Page 8**

Opera house battle

Plans to build Britain's first purpose-built opera and ballet house on the Compton Verney estate in Warwickshire, are pitting conservationists against opera lovers..... **Page 8**

Italian protests

A furore raged in Italy over a speech by the newly elected Parliament speaker, Irene Pivetti, in which she praised Benito Mussolini..... **Page 11**

Pledge to Jews

Viktor Chernomyrdin, the Russian Prime Minister, has vowed that the anti-Semitism of Russia's past would never be allowed to resurface..... **Page 10**

Clinton tribute

There was some surprise in Washington at President Clinton's generosity towards Richard Nixon, a man in many ways his political antithesis..... **Page 10**

Organist resigns after sound bites

■ A church organist in Norfolk has resigned after protests that he played too loudly. The rector of All Saints church, Beeston Regis, said the largely elderly congregation were forced to stand with fingers in their ears or to leave. Michael Russen, the organist, said that he had to play loudly for the sound to reach the choir..... **Page 3**

ANJA NIEDRINGHAUS



A British UN soldier, with a Ukrainian colleague, carries a wounded child evacuated from Gorazde to Sarajevo. **Page 11**

Coal: Huge liabilities for industrial diseases, site pollution and water leakage threaten to derail government plans to privatise the coal industry..... **Page 23**

Channel tunnel: Nine multinational consortia pitched to take over running passenger trains between Britain and Europe and build a £2.7 billion fast link between London and the tunnel..... **Page 23**

Markets: The FT-SE 100 Index fell 27.6 points to close at 3106.1. Sterling's trade-weighted index fell from 80.0 to 79.9 after a rise from $1.4855 to $1.4915 but a fall from DM2.5175 to DM2.5045..... **Page 26**

Bowls: Jan Woodley, winner of the women's world indoor singles championship, has been invited to compete at the equivalent men's event in 1995. She would be the first woman to do so..... **Page 44**

Football: The FA Premier League said it will risk the wrath of clubs involved in the relegation battle in order to broadcast the climax to the championship race..... **Page 42**

Cricket: Curtly Ambrose failed to arrive from the Caribbean as expected and will be missing from Northamptonshire's team in the Benson and Hedges Cup match against Middlesex..... **Page 40**

Taboo topic: Across the water: a phrase that is resonant in Irish life. For many Irish women the words have come to mean one thing — abortion..... **Page 14**

False data: Clinical trials are the only sure way we can know if a new treatment is of any use. But can they be trusted? Nigel Hawkes reports..... **Page 15**

Legal principle: If you can sue your solicitor, accountant or doctor for giving the wrong advice, surely you should be able to do the same to your psychotherapist?..... **Page 35**

The Ayckbourn spirit: In Alan Ayckbourn's new play, the ghost of a dead teenage virtuoso pianist haunts the museum set up to commemorate her..... **Page 38**

Star today, gone tomorrow: If today's film stars less durable than those of the 40s and 50s, Geoff Brown suggests that the collapse of the Hollywood studio system might be to blame..... **Page 39**

Jack pack: Last night's television documentary, *The Hunt for Michael Jackson*, offered a riveting and highly unflattering view of the media circus reporting on the Jackson allegations..... **Page 37**



Monica Seles is to sue the organisers of the Hamburg Open tennis tournament where she was stabbed last year
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Health minister Lady Cumberlege said that giving free condoms to girls of 12 is appropriate if it is the only way to protect them from pregnancy
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Tsutomu Hata was elected Japan's prime minister and almost immediately faced a crisis as the socialists left the ruling coalition
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THE TIMES TOMORROW

Mandela: from villain to hero

■ From the most wanted man in South Africa to the leader of the nation: Matthew Parris reports on the extraordinary life of Nelson Mandela

The alternative TV ratings

■ What did children watch on television during the Easter holidays? The new *Times* TV Top Twenty spells it out

Putting the case for suburbia

■ Do the suburbs deserve vilification from smart architectural critics? Richard Morrison defends the heartlands of England from the charge of soullessness

The tenth anniversary of the death of Sir John Betjeman is marked by a profile which includes tributes from Barry Humphries and Lady Wilson. *Omnibus* (BBC1, 10.55pm)..... **Page 43**

The next trek

South Africa is not being decolonised, it is redefining itself..... **Page 17**

Sense on silence

The purpose of Michael Howard's law and order reforms should be to make the process of prosecution and punishment fair and efficient..... **Page 17**

Radio more wonderful

There will always be a case against the BBC having a pop station at all. But at least Radio 1 is no longer safe and dull..... **Page 17**

BERNARD LEVIN

What actually makes the old head swim, as Bertie Wooster would put it, is that the Tories plainly believe that a mere reshuffle of their Government will change their catastrophic fortunes..... **Page 16**

WOODROW WYATT

John Major is at the nadir of his fortunes, which have nowhere else to go but up..... **Page 16**

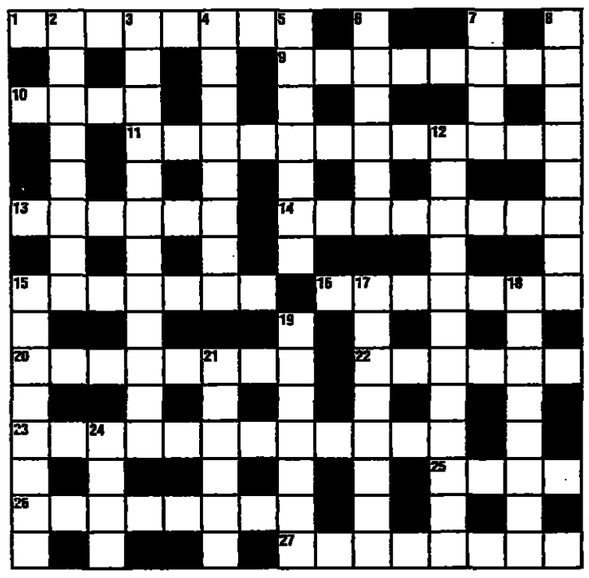
Trevor Clay, General Secretary of the Royal College of Nursing, 1982-89; **Air Vice-Marshal John Elton**; **Cecil Gould**, former Deputy Director of the National Gallery; **David Holden**, writer and broadcaster..... **Page 19**

Are supermarkets playing fair when they produce own-brand look-alikes?..... **Page 17**

Looking back over Nixon's era, the force of personality and individual decisions seem less powerful than historical forces and accidents
— The Wall Street Journal

This week's election in South Africa won't end old hatreds or eliminate deep-seated fears, but it will put the country on the path towards democracy and, perhaps, racial equality
— Los Angeles Times

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ACROSS

1 Discharged from army, having received bomb injury in action (8)
9 Intrude, giving directions to vehicle crossing river (8)
10 Upright exactly in tune (4)
11 He provides courses in art — a sure 10, it turns out (12)
13 Sounds like a fellow's article in verse (6)
14 A great deal of corporal punishment (8)
15 They may suit the retired Briton (7)
16 Take up cryptaesthesia? Pointless (7)
20 Former songwriter selling abroad (8)
22 Pasta for the Head (6)
23 In "Alice" he won with difficulty now and then (4,2,1,5)
25 In retrospect, a bit of an emotional book (4)
26 *Successor destined, say, for flying* (8)
27 Friend in band recovering from illness (8)

DOWN

2 Straying on to railway when travelling in search of adventure (8)
3 Six or more balls into the bargain (4,3,5)
4 Graduate digesting books on bird in Africa (8)
5 Collapse of girl coming out with torn lace (7)
6 A great many copies of the notes? (6)
7 *Scoundrel losing his head in* church (4)
8 Hypocrite's extremely effective support for husband in city (8)
12 Branch of maths more trying to confused characters (12)
15 Where to get a bite in a river in Palermo, perhaps (8)
17 He may look and listen out around Tyneside (8)
18 With beer on board, he is a traveller (8)
19 One fighting for a tool kept by Remus's brother (7)
21 VAT debtor catches a cold here (6)
24 We may get it in the neck in Munster (4)

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Sunday: Highest day temp: Cromer, Norfolk, 19C (66F); lowest day max: Inverbervie, Grampian, 8C (46F); highest rainfall: Falmouth, Cornwall, 0.43in; highest sunshine: Bognor Regis, West Sussex, 11.9hr.

☐ **General:** England and Wales will have a mainly dry, bright day with sunny spells, although cloud will generally increase during the day. Some rain or drizzle may affect parts of the South and South West towards the evening.

It will be fairly warm in the East. Scotland will have showers, or longer spells of rain, but also some sunshine. Northern Ireland will be mostly cloudy with patchy rain.

Northern areas will be windy with gales on exposed coasts and hills.

☐ **London, E Anglia, E Midlands, E England, Central N, NE England:** mainly dry, sunny spells, becoming cloudier later. Wind southwest fresh. Warm. Max 16C (61F).

☐ **SE England, Central S England:** sunny spells, clouds increasing, perhaps rain in evening. Wind southwest fresh. Max 15C (59F).

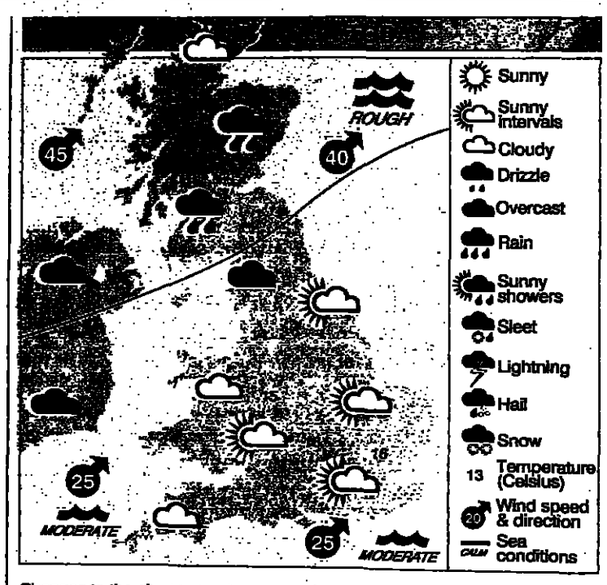
☐ **W Midlands, N Wales, NW England, Lake District, Isle of Man:** sunny spells, clouds increasing, staying mostly dry. Wind southwest, mainly fresh. Max 14C (57F).

☐ **Channel Isles, SW England, S Wales:** sunny spells, becoming cloudy with patchy drizzle and coastal mist. Wind southwest fresh. Max 12C (54F).

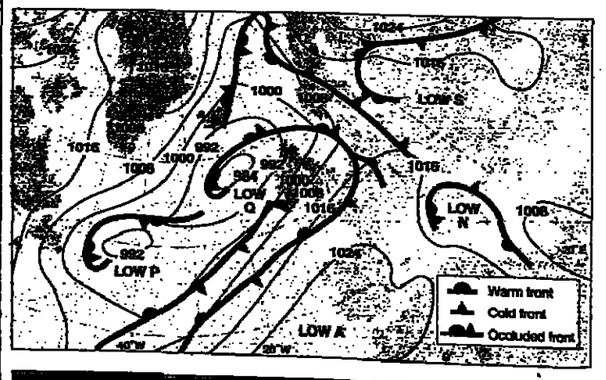
☐ **Borders, Edinburgh & Dundee, S W Scotland, Glasgow, Central Highlands:** early sunshine, rain in afternoon, perhaps clearer later. Wind southwest fresh or strong. Max 12C (54F).

☐ **Aberdeen, Moray Firth, NE Scotland, Argyll, NW Scotland, Orkney, Shetland, N Ireland:** showers or longer spells of rain, some bright or sunny intervals. Wind southwest fresh or strong, perhaps gale. Max 11C (52F).

☐ **Outlook:** changeable, but bright and warm at times, especially in the East.



Changes to the chart below from noon: lows P and Q will move slowly NE and fill. Lows N and S will fill completely as high A builds towards NE



MIDDAY: t=thunder; d=drizzle; fg=fog; s=sun; sl=sleet; sn=snow; f=fair; c=cloud; r=rain; h=hail; du=dull; g=gale; sh=shower; b=bright

	Sun hrs	Rain in	Max C	Max F			Sun hrs	Rain in	Max C	Max F	
Aberdeen	7.6	0.02	12	54	s	Liverpool	X				
Anglesey	5.9	0.12	13	55	b	London	9.8	0.04	16	61	s
Aspatria	8.5	0.04	15	59	r	Lowestoft	7.8	-	15	59	b
Aviemore	3.8	0.01	13	55	b	Manchester	10.9	0.11	15	59	sh
Belfast	4.4	0.08	13	55	sh	Margate	6.6	0.01	17	63	s
Birmingham	10.4	-	16	61	s	Minehead	8.4	0.07	14	57	sh
Bognor R	11.8	0.17	14	57	s	Morecambe	7.2	0.19	16	61	sh
Bournem'th	10.0	0.01	14	57	s	Newcastle	6.8	0.09	16	61	s
Bristol	7.6	0.22	15	59	sh	Newquay	X				
Buxton	8.6	0.08	14	57	s	Norwich	10.1	-	17	63	s
Cardiff	5.3	0.26	12	54	sh	Nottingham	9.7	-	16	61	s
Clacton	7.0	0.06	13	55	s	Penzance	7.5	0.04	14	57	s
Cleethorpes	10.8	-	18	64	s	Plymouth	7.2	0.10	12	54	b
Colwyn Bay	7.8	0.07	15	59	s	Poole	9.8	-	15	59	s
Cromer	X	-	19	66	s	Ross-o-wye	8.5	0.38	15	59	s
Dunbar	X					Ryde	11.6	0.20	14	57	s
Eastbourne	7.1	0.06	14	57	b	Scarborough	7.4	0.07	14	57	s
Edinburgh	3.9	0.09	15	59	b	Sandown	9.5	0.22	14	57	s
Eskdalemuir	6.1	0.14	12	54	sh	Saunton Snd	5.1	0.10	12	54	s
Exmouth	7.0	0.13	13	55	s	Scilly Isles	7.9	0.05	11	52	sh
Falmouth	X	0.43	12	54	sh	Shanklin	11.3	0.22	13	55	s
Folkestone	8.4	0.02	14	57	s	Skegness	X				
Glasgow	3.5	0.05	14	57	sh	Southend	9.5	0.03	16	61	s
Guernsey	9.2	-	15	59	s	Southport	7.0	0.07	15	59	sh
Hastings	7.1	0.07	14	57	s	Southsea	10.6	0.23	X	X	s
Hayling I.	11.5	0.15	13	55	s	Stornoway	2.8	0.13	13	55	sh
Herne Bay	9.1	-	17	63	b	Swanage	10.2	0.01	13	55	s
Hove	8.4	0.06	13	55	s	Teignmouth	7.8	0.07	14	57	s
Hunstanton	8.0	-	17	63	b	Tenby	8.5	0.27	12	54	b
Isle of Man	5.6	0.18	13	55	b	Tiree	1.3	0.13	9	48	r
Jersey	7.8	-	15	59	s	Torquay	7.4	0.04	14	57	s
Kinloss	8.2	-	16	61	s	Tynemouth	6.2	0.04	18	59	b
Leeds	9.8	0.01	18	64	s	Ventnor	11.0	0.16	16	61	s
Lerwick	4.0	0.07	10	50	b	Weston-s-mare	X				
Leuchars	5.8	0.16	13	55	sh	Weymouth	10.1	-	13	55	s
Littlehmptn	11.8	0.17	13	55	s						

These are latest available figures

Ajaccio	12	54	r	C'pbagn	16	61	s	Majorca	16	61	f	Rome	19	66	f
Alcrotiri	20	68	s	Corfu	20	68	s	Malaga	19	66	s	Salzburg	22	72	f
Alex'dria	20	68	f	Dublin	11	52	c	Malta	20	68	s	S F'isco	13	55	f
Algiers	19	66	f	Dubrownik	19	66	s	Melb'rne	22	72	s	Santiago	19	66	c
Amst'dm	12	54	s	Faro	17	63	f	Madco C	-	--		S Paulo	22	72	c
Athens	20	68	s	Florence	17	63	c	Miami	28	82	f	Seoul	24	75	s
Bahrain	33	91	s	Frankfurt	18	64	s	Milan	13	55	r	Sing'por	30	86	f
Bangkok	35	95	s	Funchal	17	63	c	Montreal	15	59	c	St'kholm	16	64	s
Barbados	29	84	r	Geneva	10	50	r	Moscow	14	57	r	Strasb'rg	16	61	f
Barcelona	16	61	f	Gibraltar	18	66	s	Munich	19	66	f	Sydney	23	73	s
Beirut	20	68	f	Helsinki	16	61	s	Nairobi	21	70	f	Tangier	17	63	s
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Cardiff	6.59	12.89	7.24	12.95	Newquay	5.02	7.4	5.28	7.5
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Manchester 8.25 pm to 5.43 am
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Economy regains lost ground

BY JANET BUSH, ECONOMICS CORRESPONDENT

THE economy continued to grow at a steady pace in the first three months of this year, finally clawing back the ground lost during the recession.

The Central Statistical Office reported that gross domestic product grew 0.7 per cent in the first quarter, the same as in the fourth quarter of 1993 and slightly below the 0.8 per cent recorded in the third quarter. Growth in the first quarter was 2.6 per cent higher than a year ago.

Overall output of goods and services returned to the level seen at the peak of the economic cycle at the beginning of 1990.

Services are about 1.5 per cent above the 1990 peak, but manufacturing output remains 4 per cent to 5 per cent below pre-recession levels.

Excluding oil and gas production, the economy is still about ½ per cent below pre-recession levels four years ago. GDP, excluding oil and gas, grew 0.6 per cent in the first quarter, up 2 per cent year on year.

It has taken eight quarters of recovery to return the economy to pre-recession levels, exactly the same time needed to recoup the losses in activity in the early 1980s recession. This time around, the recovery has been slower than it was in the 1980s.

Yesterday's figures were exactly in line with City expectations and showed that, while the economy did not slow down in advance of the Government's three-year programme of tax increases starting this month, it has not been able to accelerate either.

Growth was spread across all sectors of the economy with manufacturing, services and the oil and gas industry making contributions. Even construction, which only turned positive recently, was estimated to have grown by about 1 per cent in the first quarter.

The Treasury said that the figures showed continuing steady recovery. One official said: "We have had two years of recovery across a pretty broad front, with both production and the services sectors showing steady growth."

Separate figures yesterday showed another deterioration in Britain's trade performance outside the European Union. The non-EC trade deficit widened to £675 million in March from a revised £640 million in February.

Excluding oil and erratic items, such as ships and precious stones, the trade gap grew to £702 million from £683 million.

The CSO said that analysis of figures for recent months suggested the trend of the visible deficit was flat. However, some City economists said that an improvement in the terms of trade, with export prices rising faster than import prices, masked a more serious deterioration in volumes.

Excluding oil and erratics, export volumes fell 1 per cent in the three months to March, compared with the previous three months, while import volumes were up 1.5 per cent.

Economists at James Capel noted that exporters have now taken full advantage of sterling's devaluation in terms of prices, which will leave volume trends showing up much more clearly. The economists said: "The deterioration in relative volumes is likely to dominate the trade picture over coming months with the trend deterioration in the deficit gathering pace."

Import volumes in the latest three months were at record levels in both categories of manufacturing, semi-finished and finished goods. March saw a new monthly record of finished manufactured imports.

The only category in which Britain is exporting substantially more than it is importing is fuels, which reflects buoyant activity in the North Sea.

The Central Statistical Office said that it will release figures for trade with EC as well as non-EC countries for February on May 12. These figures are due to contain the preliminary results of the joint investigation by the CSO and Customs & Excise into suspected shortcomings in the European Intrastat trade statistics system and, it is hoped, give a more accurate picture of Britain's trading performance.

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Pay boost for ousted executive

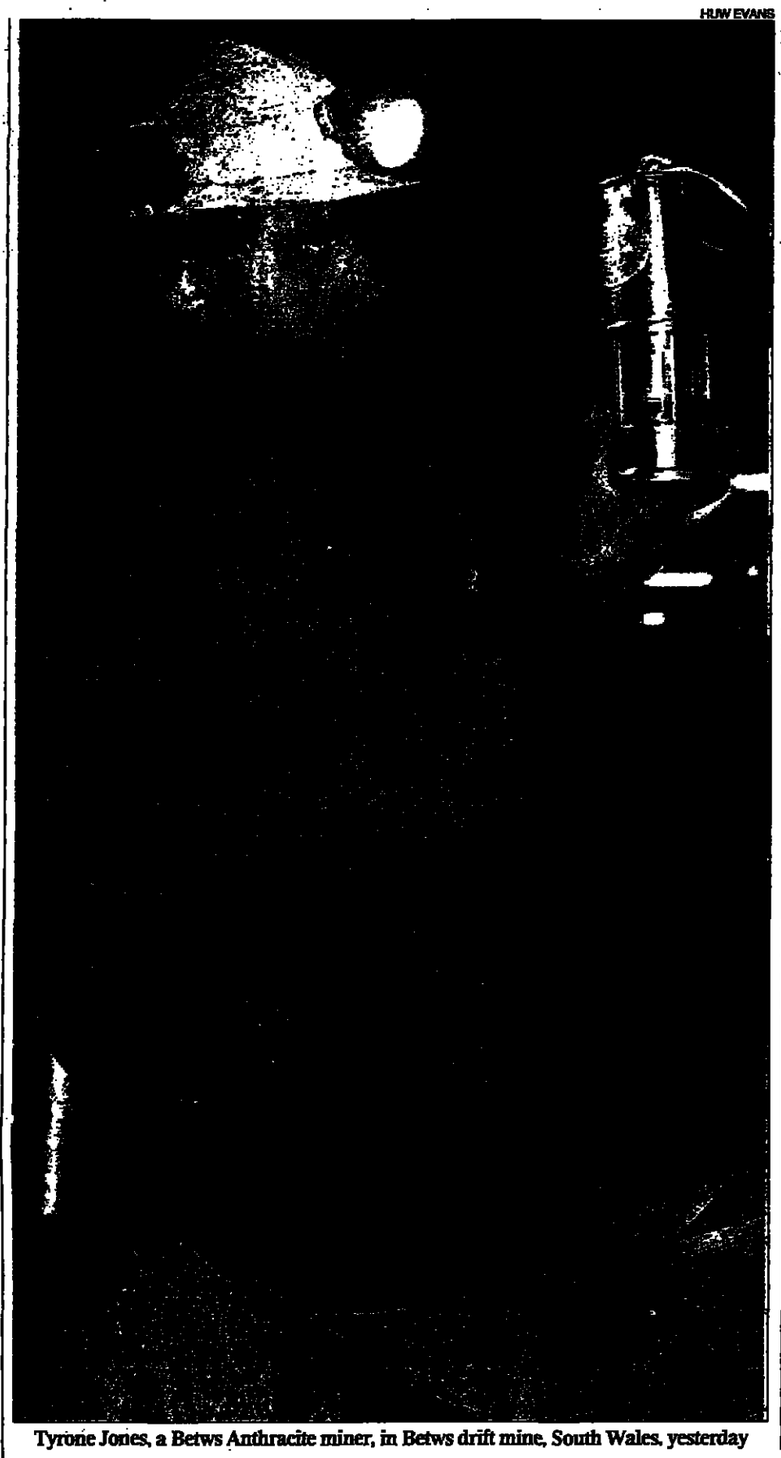
BY SUSAN GILCHRIST

JIM Maxmin, who was recently ousted as chief executive of Laura Ashley, has boosted his chances of receiving a substantial compensation payment for loss of office, after a 29 per cent pay rise last year.

His salary package rose from £310,000 to £399,000, according to the company's latest annual report. A spokesman said much of the rise in Mr Maxmin's pay, which is paid in dollars, was attributable to movements in exchange rates. His underlying salary rose 11 per cent, from $541,000 to $590,000.

Mr Maxmin, who was on a two-year rolling contract, is still negotiating the scale of his compensation payment. Based on his salary alone, it could total $1.2 million. Mr Maxmin also has 2 million share options, which at yesterday's closing price of 90p would give him a notional paper profit of £312,000.

HUW EVANS



Tyrone Jones, a Betws Anthracite miner, in Betws drift mine, South Wales, yesterday

Coal sell-off threatened by questions of liability

BY ROSS TIEMAN AND JONATHAN PRYNN

HUGE liabilities for industrial diseases, site pollution and water leakage threaten to derail government plans to privatise the coal industry.

Lawyers of the Mining and Mineral Law Group, who individually represent many of the most likely bidders for British Coal assets, have told government advisers that unquantified costs threaten to deter potential purchasers.

Their warning is reinforced by evidence from lawyers acting for Nacods, the pit deputies union, that claims from former miners suffering from work-related sicknesses could exceed £5 billion. Unless such liabilities are "left behind" at privatisation, would-be bidders may be unable to get the funds or insurance cover needed to take over British Coal pits, the Mining and Mineral Law Group says.

They are pressing for changes in the Coal Industry Bill, which resumes its Lords committee stage today.

In a letter to NM Rothschild, the merchant bank advising the government, Alan Magnus, secretary of the Mining and Mineral Law Group, said: "Unless the normal warranties and indemnities that a purchaser would expect on the sale of a private company are given, the costs of a due diligence exercise would be so great as to deter many potential purchasers."

Mr Magnus set out five perceived flaws in the sell-off plan.

- ☐ Public companies will be unable to bid unless they can make any offer conditional on shareholder approval;
- ☐ Uncertainties over liabilities may make it "either impossible or very expensive indeed" for a purchaser to obtain insurance;
- ☐ Liabilities for industrial diseases suffered by Britain's 500,000 former miners are escalating as courts recognise new illnesses arising from mechanisation and the level of awards goes up.
- ☐ Under the bill's proposals, bidders are required to assume environmental liabilities for shafts, slag heaps and pit heads acquired in the sale.

Yet the extent of contamination, and the problems of groundwater pollution associated with any cessation of underground pumping are unknown, Mr Magnus says.

Finally, the Group says that such liabilities appear to scupper any prospect of management buyouts, which the Government has seemed keen to encourage.

Because of the problems of liabilities, many private coal groups have preferred to lease and licence surplus mines ahead of privatisation. Betws Anthracite, a management buyout company, yesterday took over the Betws drift mine near Ammanford, South Wales. Four other mines have already been leased to the private sector.

A DTI spokesman said responsibility for liabilities relating to former British Coal employees would be transferred to the Government after privatisation. However, responsibility for current employees would have to be assumed by private companies.

Nine groups bid to build Channel link

BY TIM JONES AND ROSS TIEMAN

NINE multinational consortia yesterday pitched to take over running passenger trains between Britain and Europe and build a £2.7 billion fast link between London and the Channel tunnel.

The winner among the blue-chip slate of bidders will be given £1 billion of British Rail assets and a £500 million subsidy, as well as exclusive control over one of the biggest European construction projects this decade.

Because of its scale and complexity, many would-be bidders have formed multinational partnerships. The British-dominated Eurorail CRTL consortium, which was originally selected to build the link, has re-inforced its credentials by recruiting London Electricity, Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation and National Westminster Bank, plus a brace of engineering consultants.

The contest will inevitably become a battle between the world's fast train technologies. A powerful German-led challenge, including a Japanese partner, has been put together by Hochtief, the construction group that bought Ballast Nedam from British Aerospace in January.

This consortium embraces Siemens, builder of Germany's high-speed ICE train, while Eurorail includes GEC, whose part-owned subsidiary GEC Alsthom builds the French-designed TGV trains that will initially provide passenger services between London, Paris and Brussels.

A third contender, Union Link, has another German group, Philip Holzmann, and the consultancy arm of SNCB, the Belgian state railway, among its members, while London & Continental Railways can call upon the resources of Bechtel, the world's leading project management company, as well as the passenger-moving skills of Britain's National Bus Company.

Deutsche Bank denies fault over Schneider

BY ROGER BOYES AND COLIN NARBROUGH

DEUTSCHE Bank, Germany's most powerful commercial bank, could lose "several hundred million marks" due to the systematic fraud against it by the collapsed Schneider property empire, according to Hilmar Kopper, the management board chairman.

In Frankfurt yesterday, he tried to counter fierce attacks on the bank by German politicians and the media, that Deutsche, Schneider's biggest creditor with an exposure of DM1.2 billion, had made mistakes in letting itself be duped by Jürgen Schneider, the fugitive property tycoon

The whereabouts of Herr Scheider, who disappeared owing more than DM5 billion to the banks, plus DM250 million to subcontractors, is unclear. His disappearance forced his company's board to open bankruptcy proceedings.

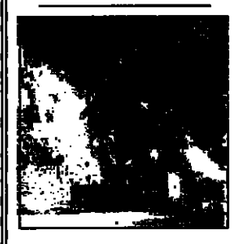
Herr Kopper said Deutsche was lured into the Schneider property debacle by officially commissioned assessors who deliberately overvalued some of the projects set up by the construction tycoon.

Herr Kopper tried to fend off criticism, that his bank had been negligent, from subcontractors on Schneider projects who fear bankruptcy, and the Frankfurt prosecutors office.

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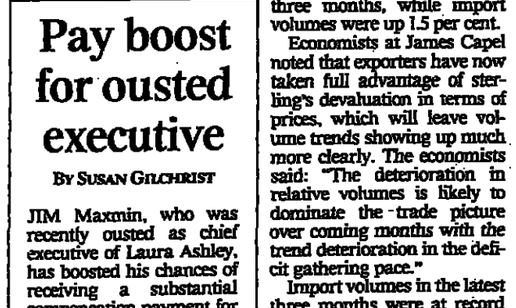


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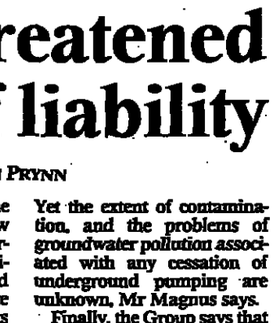
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Chinese pirates prove imitation is not flattery

BY MARTIN WALLER
DEPUTY CITY EDITOR

THE pirates are busy in the South China Sea — smuggling illegal copies of Michael Jackson, Madonna and other stars in a mushrooming trade that is costing Western record companies hundreds of millions of pounds.

The big record companies last week achieved a notable coup in persuading the Chinese authorities to order a crackdown that led to raids on more than 1,000 record stores and street stalls throughout Guangdong province, where the piracy of compact discs is concentrated. A quarter of a million CDs were confiscated.

But the scale of the problem suggests such short-term measures will not be enough. A couple of years ago there were just three CD pressing plants in China. Now there are at least 26 so far detected, capable at full production of turning out between them more than 80 million CDs a year — or 8 per cent of the world market. But China has few CD players, and legitimate demand for CDs last year was unlikely to have exceeded three million copies. The rest are being exported illegally.

The Far East has long been a fertile source for illegal copies of almost anything. The record industry, not the natural recipient for public sympathy given the high cost of CDs on the high street, has in the past suffered in a limited way from pirated cassettes, of the sort that still turn up for a couple of pounds on market stalls around the country. But CDs are different, because the technology is so much more advanced. While the pirated cassettes are of poor quality, the illegal CDs are identical to the authorised version, even down to packaging.

Chris Wright, chairman of Chrysalis Group and an industry veteran, says: "The record industry is in terrible trouble with China, which has become the new Singapore or Indonesia for pirated records." He adds: "A lot of the plants are joint ventures with Taiwanese gangsters, and the Chinese government has no control over them."

The International Federation of the Phonographic Industry, the world trade body, has tracked the pirated CDs from China to the German market, which means they are in Britain as well.

Most of the Chinese copies simply cross the border into Hong Kong — Whitney Houston is a favourite — and customs officials have intercepted both the finished product coming out of China and a batch of CD masters being delivered by a Taiwan company to a Chinese plant for copying.

Last year, illegal CD sales from China reached a total value of $350 million, even though the plants are as yet only producing at 20 per cent capacity. The industry is concerned that the Chinese authorities' willingness to take effective action may be limited, as the pirate plants are seen as just another source of foreign revenue. Chinese pirates have also been targeting the computer industry, producing illegal copies of software. As the CD format becomes more widespread in products, such as CD-Rom, whereby whole libraries of books can be encapsulated on a disc, the potential for piracy increases.

Nic Garnett, the federation's chief executive, says: "What is difficult is getting the central government directives translated to the regional authorities. At the provincial level there's a lot of corruption — it's very difficult for the central authorities to break through the provincial protection systems that are set up around the CD plants."

Lloyd's split over report of liability 'black hole'

BY JON ASHWORTH

PREDICTIONS that Lloyd's of London, the insurance market, is set to spiral into an £11 billion "black hole" have triggered a furious debate among names and cast a shadow over the long-awaited Gooda Walker trial that opens at the High Court today.

Members of Lloyd's action groups are divided over claims by Randolph Fields, an American lawyer, that potential asbestosis and pollution claims could reach £11 billion — twice the proven means of the insurance market's entire membership. Some names believe Lloyd's is on the brink of the abyss, while others dismiss the report as scaremongering, claiming that the figures are dubious at best.

The release of the research by Mr Fields coincides with the publication of the Lloyd's annual report and comes on the day that 3,000 aggrieved Gooda Walker names take on 71 members agents in the High Court, seeking £629 million in damages for alleged negligent underwriting. The case is expected to last at least three months.

Based on analysis of 670 Lloyd's syndicate accounts, Mr Fields suggests that the extensive use of time and distance policies has undercut Lloyd's £4 billion of official reserves by £1.4 billion.

Furthermore, he claims that Lloyd's old-year liabilities will amount to at least £26 billion — £19 billion more than currently recognised. Projected asbestosis liabilities alone amount to £4.1 billion, he says, and the balance of £22 billion relates to American pollution liabilities.

Lloyd's said the report added nothing new to the debate on the market's future, and said comparisons could be drawn with the controversial Chatset forecasts of future liabilities.

A spokesman said Lloyd's would not be attempting any new estimates of losses until NewCo had been set up. NewCo is a new reinsurance company into which the bulk of asbestosis and pollution liabilities are to be transferred.

Christopher Stockwell, chairman of the Lloyd's names associations' working party, said members faced the threat of being swallowed up by a potentially endless string of claims on everything from pollution to repetitive strain injuries. He called for the Lloyd's business plan to be restructured to protect names' interests before it was too late.

Michael Deeny, who, as chairman of the Gooda Walker action group, has been the driving force behind today's court action, said he was "deeply sceptical" about Mr Field's figures. He said it was impossible to pin down a figure of £11 billion. Mr Deeny criticised "scaremongering" by distressed names, saying: "Some of the burnt names hope Lloyd's will self-destruct. I think we have a better chance of getting compensation out of the ongoing business."

☐ David Rowland, chairman of Lloyd's, was paid £472,000 last year, according to the annual report. Peter Middleton, chief executive officer, received £324,000, including a bonus of £65,000 linked to steps to reduce costs in the insurance market. Total expenditure last year fell to £119 million (£152 million).

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ALAN WELLER



Regina's founder, Irene Stein, speaking at its angry meeting of shareholders yesterday

Ousted Regina chief wins vote

BY PHILIP PANGALOS

THE long battle for control of Regina, the Royal Jelly products group, yesterday saw Shiraz Malik-Noor, the company's former chairman and chief executive, re-elected to the board at a shambolic meeting of shareholders.

Mr Malik-Noor, ousted from the board earlier this year but still holding 25 per cent, was re-elected with two associates after a poll vote was forced. He won the support of 53 per cent of shareholders.

Shareholders at the torrid extraordinary general meeting, at the Metropole Hotel, London, described the battle as "an appalling shambles" marked by claim and counter-claim. There was criticism of pay awards to directors and of sponsorship of polo events involving Major Ronald Ferguson. The meeting is expected to cost Regina between £50,000 and £75,000.

Some of the 150 shareholders present claimed to have been misled by the existing board's claims against Mr Malik-Noor. Some called for the reinstatement as chairman of Irene Stein, Regina's founder. Mrs Stein said: "I am very sad to see something I created fall apart like this. I have no doubts I have the capability to make this company work."

Paul Geoghegan, chairman, conceded that the company was in "a ridiculous situation".

Mr Malik-Noor has called an EGM for May 19 to try to oust Mr Geoghagan and Tony Shakesby, finance director.

Unit trust sales soar to record £1.37bn

BY ROBERT MILLER

UNIT trusts had their best ever month in March with net sales of £1.37 billion, the Association of Unit Trusts and Investment Funds said. The number of unitholder accounts rose by more than 600,000 to 5.8 million.

The record breaking figure was more than £200 million ahead of the previous best month in September 1987 — a month before the worldwide stock market crash.

Unit trust sales in March were boosted by the rush to invest in unit trust personal equity plans before the end of the tax year on April 5. Total net unit trust Pep sales in the first quarter of 1994 were £1.55 billion. This accounted for almost 75 per cent of total net unit trust retail sales in the first three months of this year.

At the end of March, the value of unit trust Peps was £9.3 billion, more than double the £4.4 billion at the same time last year. Philip Warland, director general of Autif, said: "The Pep figures suggest that a unit trust Pep is becoming the first choice for the long-term saver."

In spite of the record unit trust sales last month, the total value of funds under management fell from February's £98.9 billion to £95.5 billion, reflecting stock market uncertainty. Mr Warland said: "This encouraging that sales continued to be so strong in spite of an uninspiring stock market. People clearly realise that unit trusts are a long-term investment and are willing to look beyond the short-term ups and downs of the market."

The most popular sector of unit trusts with private investors in March was UK Equity Income, in which £226 million was invested. The popularity of income unit trusts reflects the low rates of interest currently available from bank and building society accounts.

Last week, building societies revealed that net outflows of retail savings in March totalled £635 million, the fifth successive monthly outflow.

BUSINESS ROUND-UP

New Pentos chief wields axe on jobs at Dillons

BILL McGrath, the new chief executive of the troubled Pentos retail group, yesterday announced the loss of 185 jobs at the Dillons bookstore chain. The cuts, which included 141 redundancies within the 149 stores, follow a review of efficiency at the chain initiated on Mr McGrath's arrival at the beginning of the year. Similar reviews are being conducted at Athena and Ryman.

The restructuring at Dillons is an attempt to flatten and simplify the management organisation of the business. A spokesman said: "Dillons expanded rapidly over the last few years, and a rather *ad hoc* management structure grew up with artificially created positions and job titles. It is now trying to remove anomalies as well as remove layers of management." An entire layer of management is being taken out of the stores and there are also job losses in the finance, marketing and personnel departments at the chain's Birmingham head office. Pentos has declined to disclose the financial cost of the restructuring.

Reuters fulfils pledge

REUTERS Holdings, the financial information and news group, has fulfilled its promise, made last year, of double-digit revenue growth in 1994. In its maiden quarterly trading statement, Reuters shows an 14.8 per cent rise in revenue in the first three months of 1994, from £447 million to £513 million. The figure includes £13 million of revenues from acquisitions, but not revenues of two American acquisitions completed only in March. Instinet was the main contributor to buoyant transactions revenue in the quarter, the group said. At comparable rates, stripped of currency effects, quarterly revenue rose by 17 per cent.

Sutherland no to WTO

PETER Sutherland, the Irish director-general of the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade (Gatt) who this month steered the Uruguay round on liberalised trade to a successful conclusion in Morocco, said he will not be running for the post of head of the World Trade Organisation (WTO), Gatt's successor body. Mr Sutherland earlier suggested he wanted to move back into the private sector, but rumours have persisted that he could be a candidate to succeed Jacques Delors as European Commission President. Mr Sutherland said he would have political difficulties securing the Irish government's backing for the Brussels job.

Exchanges hit Salomon

SALOMON Inc, the US international investment banking group, was hit by losses in its foreign exchange and international secondary markets businesses in the first quarter. The firm reported pre-tax profits of $112 million ($113 million loss) and net income of $66 million ($102 million loss). However, its Salomon Brothers' client-driven businesses was hit by a pre-tax loss of $173 million. The losses were offset by profits of $212 million in Salomon Brothers' proprietary trading business. Salomon's Phibro commodities trading business had pre-tax profits of $50 million, while Phibro USA, its oil refining arm, had $27 million pre-tax profits.

Massey Ferguson talks

FINAL talks are under way about the sale of Massey Ferguson, the tractor maker that employs 1,500 in Coventry and exports 90 per cent of its output. Varity Corporation, the company's American parent, confirmed it was in the last stage of negotiations for a sale to Agco, of Atlanta, Georgia, which handles Massey's American distribution. Agco is believed to have been selected in preference to a European consortium reported to have offered $350 million for the business. The sale will include the Coventry plant, and its sister factory in Beauvais, France. The sale is apparently designed to enable Varity to concentrate upon its automotive interests.

KPN sale to go by book

KPN, the Dutch state post and telecommunications monopoly, will employ a book-building system, with priority for private investors, for the first tranche of its shares due to be sold by the government this summer. The tranche, amounting to a third of KPN, is expected to raise about £2.7 billion. The government has said that it wants to dispose of two-thirds of the company. A privatisation banking syndicate is to form a picture of demand from domestic and foreign institutions and the price they are ready to pay before subscription is opened. Pre-marketing is expected to start next week, with the sale expected to go through in June.

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NOTICE IS HEREBY given that the One Hundred and Sixtyeighth Annual General Meeting of the Members of the Scottish Amicable Life Assurance Society will be held in The Glasgow Hilton Hotel, 1 William Street, Glasgow G3 8HT on Wednesday 27th April 1994 at 11.00 a.m.

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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to Section 23 of the Insolvency Act 1986 that a general meeting of creditors of the above named company will be held at The New Connaught Rooms, Covent Garden Exhibition Centre, Great Queen Street, London WC2B 5DA on Wednesday, 11 may 1994 at 10.30 hrs for the purposes of considering and, if thought fit, passing a resolution to approve the Joint Administrators' proposals.
Dated 21 April 1994
Malcolm Cohen
Joint Administrators

INSOLVENCY RULES 1986
RULE 4.106 (1)
FARFORD LIMITED
IN CREDITORS VOLUNTARY LIQUIDATION

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Ian Frames, Licenced Insolvency Practitioner of Ian Frames Associates, Conduit House, 24 Conduit Place, London W2 1EP was appointed Liquidator of the above-named company on the 19th April 1994.
All creditors who have not already done so are invited to prove their debts in writing to Mr Ian Frames at Conduit House, 24 Conduit Place, London W2 1EP.
I Frames
Liquidator

THE INSOLVENCY ACT 1986
TECELEC SERVICES LIMITED
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to Section 98 of the Insolvency Act 1986 that a meeting of Creditors of the above company will be held at the offices of Benedict McQueen, 62 Wilson Street, London EC2A 2BU on 29 April 1994 at 10.30 am for the purposes provided for in Sections 100 and 101 of the said Act. Information concerning the company or its affairs will be available free of charge from the offices of Ian D Williams, a licensed insolvency practitioner, of Benedict McQueen, 62 Wilson Street, London EC2A 2BU, 071 782 0007 during the period up to the meeting of creditors.
DATED THE 18 DAY OF APRIL 1994
By Order of the Board
N Al-Hathal
Director

The Insolvency Act 1986
TOWN & COUNTRY (RATING & RENT REVIEW CONSULTANTS) LIMITED
(In Liquidation)

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Maurice Raymond Dorrington FIPA of Poppleton & Appleby, 4 Charterhouse Square, London EC1M 6EN and Sukhir Rami of 2 Stanhope Avenue, Church End, Finchley, London N3 3LY, was appointed Liquidators of the said Company by the members and creditors on 7th April 1994.
Dated this 8th day of April 1994
M.R DORRINGTON and S. RISHI, Joint Liquidators

PUBLIC NOTICES

MANCHESTER UNITY LIFE INSURANCE COLLECTING SOCIETY
THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF THIS SOCIETY WILL BE HELD IN THE GOTHELE ROOM, PLYMOUTH PAVILIONS, PLYMOUTH on Monday, 23 May 1994 at 12.45 p.m.
AGENDA
Notice convening the Meeting
Minutes of the Annual General Meeting 1993.
Report of the Committee of Management
Balance Sheet and Auditor's Report 1993.
To consider and if thought fit, approve an amendment to Rule 10(2) - Application and Investment of Funds.
Any Other Business of which notice has been given.
A copy of the proposed Amendment to Rule may be obtained by any Member upon application to the Society's Registered Office.

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TO: ALL WHOM IT MAY CONCERN

WE, ALEXANDER STERLING who has resided for the past six months at Flat 7, 33 Chelsea Manor Street, London SW3 5PP and carried on the trade or calling during the aforesaid period of six months of Club and Licensee Consultant JOHN PATRICK LATHAM LAYCOCK who has resided for the past six months at 32 Acton Road, London SW6 2AL and carried on the trade or calling during the aforesaid period of six months of Manager DO HEREBY GIVE YOU NOTICE that it is our intention to apply at the Licensing Sessions for the Licensing Division of WEST LONDON to be held at Walton Street Magistrates Court, 13 Walton Street, London SW3 on WEDNESDAY the 11TH day of MAY 1994 at 10.00 a.m. to the forenoon for the grant to US of a Justices' ON Licence (Subject to Conditions) authorising US to sell by retail at the premises situate at 88B Kings Road, London SW6 in the said Licensing Division intoxicating liquor of all descriptions for consumption ON the premises.
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Lincoln House
300 High Holborn
London WC1V 7JH
Solicitors for and on behalf of the Applicant (s) duly authorised

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No. 001698 of 1994
IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUSTICE
CHANCERY DIVISION
MR REGISTRAR BUCKLEY
WEDNESDAY the 13th Day of April 1994 IN THE MATTER OF C. CZARNIKOW SUGAR LIMITED AND IN THE MATTER OF THE COMPANIES ACT 1985
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Order of the High Court of Justice (Chancery Division) dated 13th April, 1994 confirming the reduction of the share premium account of the above-named Company by £8,455,000 was registered by the Registrar of Companies on 19th April, 1994.
DATED this 26th day of April, 1994
Macfarlanes
10 Norwich Street
London
EC4A 1BD
Ref: JRSD/526313/86880
Solicitors for the above-named Company

HARUTH INVESTMENT COMPANY LIMITED
The Insolvency Act and Rules 1986

In accordance with Rule 4.106, I Brian Reginald Anthony Callaghan of Chantrey Vellacott, Russell Square House, 10-12 Russell Square, London, WC1B 5LF, give notice that on 18 April 1994 I was appointed Liquidator by resolutions of members.
Notice is hereby given that the creditors of the above named company, which is being voluntarily wound up, are required, on or before the 31 May 1994 to send in their full christian and surnames, their addresses and descriptions, full particulars of their debts or claims and the names and addresses of their Solicitors (if any), to the undersigned Brian Reginald Anthony Callaghan of Russell Square House, 10-12 Russell Square, London, WC1B 5LF, the Liquidator of the said company, and, if so required by notice in writing from the said Liquidator, are, personally or by their Solicitors, to come in and prove their debts or claims at such time and place as shall be specified in such notice, or in default thereof they will be excluded from the benefit of any distribution.
Note: This notice is purely formal. All creditors have been or will be paid in full.
Dated: 19 April 1994
Brian Reginald Anthony Callaghan
Liquidator

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In the High Court of Justice
Queen's Bench Division
STATEMENT IN OPEN COURT
In an agreed Statement before Mr Justice Drake on Tuesday 19 April 1994, Hedrick Smith and Random House (UK) Limited, the Defendants in libel proceedings apologised through their Solicitor, Mr Rupert Grey, to the Plaintiff, Professor Lev Yudovich, for the publication of an allegation in a book, entitled "The New Russians", written by Hedrick Smith and published by Random House UK Limited. Mr Peter Carter-Ruck, Solicitor for the Plaintiff said that on pages 50 and 51 of the book, in a short discourse on the political ambitions and activities of the former Soviet President, Mikhail Gorbachev, it was alleged that the Plaintiff served as a hard-line prosecutor before emigrating to the West. Mr Carter-Ruck said that this statement was incorrect and that the author and publishers now recognised that there was no truth in the allegation. Professor Yudovich had never been a prosecutor, nor had he at anytime throughout his career acted as a prosecutor at all, and indeed throughout his legal career he was a defence lawyer defending a number of political dissidents.
The Court was informed that the Defendants had already apologised through correspondence to Professor Yudovich and had agreed to insert in all unsold copies of "The New Russians" an Errata notice making it clear that the reference to Professor Yudovich as a prosecutor was without foundation and to use their best endeavours to ensure that the Errata notice was placed in all copies held by public libraries.
Mr Carter-Ruck also said that the Defendants had agreed to pay to Professor Yudovich a sum to compensate for the distress caused to him as a result of the publication of the false allegation.
Mr Rupert Grey, said that the Defendants accepted that the allegation of which the Plaintiff had complained was false and they wished to repeat their apology before the Court and to express their regret for the distress and embarrassment the publication has caused the Plaintiff and his family.

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Negative equity trap loosens grip

BY OUR BUSINESS STAFF

THE number of families caught in the negative equity trap with mortgages larger than the value of their homes is set to drop below a million this summer, according to the Woolwich Building Society.

More than 600,000 homeowners have been caught since the first quarter of 1993, the Woolwich said. But a modest increase in house prices has seen 50,000 borrowers released from the debt trap in the first quarter of 1994.

It is estimated that at least 7 per cent of the UK's 10 million households are in a negative equity position. In the South East, the figure is 13 per cent. The total value of negative equity has remained stable at £8.5 billion, or an average of about £7,500.

But Steven Bell, chief economist at Morgan Grenfell, said: "Negative equity is still a massive problem. We expect about 1.5 million people still to be caught in the debt trap this summer. Some 75 per cent of those are first-time buyers."

Pearse to become Lucas chairman

BY PATRICIA TEHAN, BANKING CORRESPONDENT

SIR Brian Pearse, who took early retirement as chairman of Midland Bank last month, is to complete the new top team at Lucas Industries, the car and aerospace components group, taking over as chairman later this year.

He will join George Simpson, the former deputy chief executive of British Aerospace and chairman of its Rover division, who became chief executive of Lucas this month.

Sir Brian will become a non-executive director and deputy chairman of the company in May and will take over as chairman from Sir Anthony Gill later in the year.

He said he has always been interested in the manufacturing industry and described Lucas as "a great company and very much part of British manufacturing". He said Lucas was interested in his relationship with the City and general experience over the years.

Lucas, based in Solihull, West Midlands, has been looking for a new chairman since March last year, when Sir Anthony said he wanted to retire from the post and as chief executive.

Lucas has seen its profits hit by recession in its two main industries. The increase in first-half profits for the firm unveiled last month was due to cost cutting and disposals.

Sir Brian, who along with Sir Peter Walters had been put into Midland in 1991 to turn its fortunes around, brokered Midland's takeover by HSBC Holdings in July 1992. His decision to retire prompted speculation of a clash of personalities with Sir William Purves, HSBC's autocratic chairman.

Sir Brian has recently been appointed chairman of the Housing Corporation, which takes up two days a week of his time, and he is chairman of British Invisibles.

He remains a non-executive director of Midland Bank and holds a similar post at Smith & Nephew, the healthcare group.

Component suppliers challenged

BY KEVIN EASON

MICHAEL Heseltine yesterday challenged thousands of companies to become world class suppliers to Britain's rapidly reviving car industry.

The Society of Motor Manufacturers and Traders has formed a new body, the Industry Forum, to forge links between manufacturers and component suppliers that are not as productive and reliable as foreign competitors.

Mr Heseltine launched the forum yesterday warning that mistrust between manufacturers and suppliers was "a barrier to progress". He said: "This approach is no longer appropriate for a world class industry. It is not a strategy for survival, let alone success. I want to see industry in this country emerge stronger. This will not happen if we continue to conduct business in our old ways."

While car manufacturers and their first-tier suppliers have joined the elite of world producers, a DTI report says there is a huge gap to the next level of suppliers.

IBM chief confident

IBM should be profitable this year, for the first time since 1990. Louis Gerstner, the chairman, told the annual meeting in Toronto.

"Barring the unforeseen, we are planning on being profitable in 1994," he said, without elaborating. "It's not time to blow our horn and declare victory. But the time for the funeral dirge is over."

Mr Gerstner's appearance, the second before IBM's shareholders since his appointment last April, followed the worst year in the company's history.

The company surprised analysts last week with a first-quarter profit and a jump in revenue that were greater than expected.

Wall Street responded by sending IBM shares to near $60, a 52-week high.

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☐ The economy is facing tougher tests than recession ☐ QMH and Heron: nice little earners ☐ More bad news for Lloyd's

Four unresolved years

☐ WELL, was the price well worth paying? It has taken four years for output to regain its pre-slump level. Over that period, which would in any case have embraced some kind of internationally induced recession, the main unquestionable achievement has been to cut non-mortgage inflation from 9 per cent to about 2½ per cent.

If that gain can be maintained permanently while the economy grows at a respectable pace, then Britain will indeed have bought a valuable prize for its lost income. But that will not be evident for at least five years, as the experience of the 1980s showed. Severe doubts remain. Industry has certainly become more competitive, but the greatest single contribution was made by a hefty devaluation. If that had to be repeated, the whole exercise would have been a waste of time.

The second double-edged gain has been in productivity. In effect, Britain is producing the same amount with 7 per cent fewer people than in 1990, partly thanks to the computer revolution. This will continue, but at a slower rate. There has yet to be any general conversion to investment in growth, which would be needed to keep productivity growing so fast. Worryingly, an economy with an average rate of growth among the developed nations still appears to be generating a monthly trade deficit in goods and services of about £600 million. Unless this is made good, a further price will have to be paid in terms of low wages or high interest rates.

Employment has fallen by about 1.8 million, providing some reservoir for sustained growth. But the official unemployment count is up only 1.1 million. In effect, vast numbers of middle-aged and older men have been pushed out of the available labour force, many of them never to return.

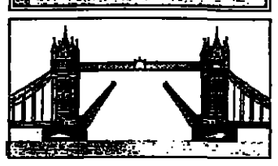
Recession has therefore mightily swelled the legions of the poor and future poor, increasing calls on state spending while reducing revenue. So the future of government finances is also far from clear. Four bad years have wrecked public finances. The Government is spending or redistributing 45 per cent of national income and the public deficit is equally unsustainable despite an ever-rising tax burden. Normally, the deficit would unwind itself fairly quickly, later allowing a tax burden of almost 40 per cent to subside. The first part of this can readily be achieved. The second is far more questionable, given the seemingly permanent, if selective, rise in poverty and the pent-up demand for better public services.

The gains of the past four years should permit a higher sustained rate of growth that can resolve these issues. That does not mean growth will actually be higher, as the relatively slow recovery attests. If Government sits back to garner the benefits of years of unpopularity, the prize will be lost. If recession is to be worth the candle, the hardest part of the task starts now.

Reconstruction with gravy

☐ WHATEVER the Bank of England's much vaunted "London Approach" is supposed to achieve, neither the affairs of Queens Moat Houses, nor those of Heron International, offer much in the way of advertising material. About all that can be said of such "reconstructions" is that they are, quite clearly,

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excellent little earners for those City advisers fortunate enough to hop on to the appropriate trains: distinguishable by swaying cargoes of gravy.

Andrew Coppel, chief executive of QMH, has received considerable flak in respect of lucrative service contracts enjoyed by himself and certain co-directors. Flak has also flown in relation to the £32 million set aside last year to ladle out to a host of advisers including Morgan Grenfell, Coopers & Lybrand, Jones Lang Wootton, Pannell Kerr Foster, Allen & Overy and Freshfields. Not to forget SG Warburg and Grant Thornton who act for QMH's bank steering committee but invoice QMH.

Last week brought word from Stanley Metcalfe, QMH's chairman, that the board is still "seeking to reach agreement with the group's lenders and the stockholders' steering comittee on detailed restructuring proposals". Metcalfe added that the length of time taken to formulate such proposals reflected "the complexity of the operational and financial structure of the group". A good job that QMH is not a conglomerate. Meanwhile, the meter ticks on.

At Heron International, the debt burdened private property empire created by Gerald Ronson, we learn that the preferred solution is an outright acquisition of the company from a bidder prepared to buy out bankers and bondholders.

Interest is understood to have been expressed by close on a dozen parties spanning the US, the UK, continental Europe and the Far East, with investment banker UBS adopting the role of prospective auctioneer. Heron's prime sites, in the UK and Europe, would, it is argued, prove attractive to an overseas entrant with the financial muscle to avoid fire sales and fully utilise £220 million worth of tax losses. This, conceivably, would be followed by a Stock Exchange flotation.

On the face of it, a nice solution. Shame about the short-term reconstruction dreamed up by the likes of KPMG, Price Waterhouse, Allen & Overy and (wait for it) UBS. This was found wanting after a matter of weeks and (excluding the banks' share of the action) cost the thick end of £30 million.

Costly echoes of the bad old days

☐ LLOYD'S of London tries ever more diligently to sweep its embarrassing past under the carpet, but the carpet seems to erupt at the edges with undiminished vigour. Influential folk nursing crippling losses tend not to be forgiving, and are much harder to ignore than the victims of over-eager life assurance salesmen. This morning, the insurance market's failure to agree a general settlement with aggrieved underwriting names resurfaces in the High Court, where thousands of names are due to start an epic hearing of negligence allegations against scores of members agents over the abysmal performance of the vast Gooda Walker syndicates. Their claims total more than £600 million. Further claims of about £2.4 billion involve other syndicates. And in parts of Lloyd's, losses of the bad years are still being counted.

Only one element of the outcome can be guaranteed. There will be loads of terrible publicity for Lloyd's. As the market's leaders have pointed out, there would not be nearly enough cover to meet those claims if they all succeeded. Yet judgments that could not be met would damage the market further. This is hardly the moment Lloyd's would have chosen for a private report to emerge claiming reserves for asbestosis claims could be inadequate if too many names are bankrupted.

Lloyd's overriding task is to ensure that all policy claims are met. That will be done, because it must be done. It should also use untapped funds earmarked for the general settlement to bolster amounts available for court judgments. Lloyd's chairman David Rowland must feel like a little Dutch boy wondering what to do when a selection of new holes appear in the dyke.

Moss Bros keeps up sharp image

BY OUR CITY STAFF

STRONG growth in sales and strict control of costs lifted profits at Moss Bros, the men's fashion retailer that owns Savoy Taylors Guild, Suit Co and Cecil Gee, by 77 per cent last year.

Rowland Gee, the managing director, attributed the strong performance to carefully targeted marketing.

He said: "We have got well-focused brands. We have stuck to our guns and kept our image sharp." Pre-tax profits increased from £2.3 million to £4.1 million in the year to January 29.

Although the menswear market continued to be competitive, with no price inflation, Mr Gee said that gross margins were maintained at about 50 per cent. Costs rose less than 2.5 per cent.

The group gained share, with like-for-like sales up 12 per cent, while the market grew only 3 per cent.

Mr Gee said that all the group's chains had performed well. "It is a very balanced picture," he said.

Ten sites were converted from the Suit Co to the Savoy Taylors Guild format during the year, mainly in affluent market towns.

Mr Gee said that there would be a few more conversions, but added that the balance of the 101-store portfolio was now largely right. Six stores are planned in the current year.

Capital expenditure rose from £800,000 to £2.3 million. Mr Gee expects spending to remain at the higher level in the current year.

A final dividend of 5.5p (4p) brings the total for the year to 7p (5.5p), an increase of 27 per cent.

ADRIAN BROOKS



Terry Donovan, left, finance director, with Rowland Gee, managing director of Moss Bros, where profits rose 77 per cent

McKechnie rises despite US loss

BY COLIN CAMPBELL

SHARES in McKechnie, the plastics and metals components group, lost 26½p to 497½p yesterday on publication of 1994 interim results, though analysts said they would hold on given the group's improving prospects.

The market was disappointed that McKechnie's US operations continue to run up losses, though total pre-tax profits for the six months to January 31 were still higher at £13.2 million (£10.8 million).

Interim turnover was £191.5 million (£140.8 million). Michael Ost, chief executive, yesterday emphasised there had been underlying growth in the interim period even though there had been little volume growth in the group's UK, US and European markets.

He added that there had been a further improvement in the management of working capital, and that there was a bias towards the second half, by when most of the problems will have been overcome.

The interim dividend is held at 5p a share, declared out of net earnings that rose from 9.5p to 10.3p a share.

Analysts believe that the group, which has never cut its dividend, will only seriously consider raising dividends when they are at least twice covered by net earnings. However, they point out that McKechnie's profits should benefit quite smartly as worldwide conditions improve.

Analysts at James Capel, the broker, are forecasting pre-tax profits of £30.5 million (£24.5 million) for the year ending July 31, which puts the shares on a prospective price earnings ratio of 20.9.

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ABF held back by drop in investment income

BY SUSAN GILCHRIST

A SHARP fall in investment income hindered progress at Associated British Foods, the Sunblest bread to Silver Spoon sugar manufacturer, which yesterday unveiled a 3 per cent rise in profits.

Last year, the cash-rich company made a profit of £45 million, mainly from investments in high-yielding gilts just before sterling's departure from the European exchange-rate mechanism. This year, investment income fell sharply, to £17 million, as a result of lower interest rates.

The drop restrained growth in pre-tax profits, which edged up from £176 million to £181 million in the 24 weeks to March 5. However, it masked a strong performance from the underlying food manufacturing and retailing businesses, which lifted operating profits 13 per cent to £147 million (£130 million), in spite of tough market conditions. Sales were 1 per cent ahead at £2.1 billion (£2 billion), although adverse movements in exchange rates cut turnover by £20 million.

The supermarket price wars continued to exert pressure on ABF's food manufacturing operations, where operating profits rose from £117 million to £125 million. Garry Weston, chairman, said it was difficult to increase prices to recover



Weston: confident

rises in costs, and therefore ABF had to concentrate on improving efficiency and cutting costs. British Sugar lifted profits to £77 million from £75 million, and Twining's tea performed well, thanks to strong export sales. The baking operations, however, suffered from continuing overcapacity in the market and price discounting.

The retail businesses lifted profits from £13 million to £22 million. With retail margins under pressure, profit growth came from higher sales and cost control. Discussions on the disposal of its 500-strong Bakers Oven chain to Greggs are still carrying on.

Profits fell at George Weston Foods, the food company in Australia and New Zealand, in spite of a 5 per cent rise in sales. Mr Weston said this was due to a further escalation of competition as the major bread manufacturers battled to gain share in a static market. The bottom line was boosted by higher profits from ABF's stake in Berisford International, which rose from £15 million to £29 million due to the rise in Berisford's share price and profit from the sale of some of the rights after its recent share issue.

The group has net liquid funds of £356 million, up from £283 million a year ago. Analysts believe acquisitions are needed to boost earnings, offset the fall in investment income and to provide shareholders with a better return.

Mr Weston said the difficult trading conditions had continued into the second half, but added that he was confident about the outcome for the full year given the success to date in improving efficiency. The interim dividend is unchanged at 8.5p. ABF's share price fell 15p to 583p at yesterday's close.

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Midland's richest clients offered private banking

BY PATRICIA TEHAN, BANKING CORRESPONDENT

MIDLAND Bank is to start a private banking service in July, aiming at its 50,000 richest personal customers — those earning more than £70,000.

Midland is the last of the big four banks to make a significant commitment to private banking. Unlike the others, it is not establishing a separate operation with its own branches. It intends to offer the service alongside other services in its existing branches.

Fifteen branches, in city centres, cathedral towns and coastal towns, will provide private banking from July, with 30 offering it by the end of the year. The service will be introduced to other branches in time. Midland's 20,000 asset management clients will be invited to open new Midland Private Banking accounts. The bank estimates that it also has 30,000 current account customers with sufficient income or assets to require private banking.

Peter Renn, head of Midland Private Banking, said that the bank had decided against establishing a separate structure "to re-emphasise the importance of the branch network and the branch management structure" and to avoid replicating an organisation. He said: "From the customer's point of view, it means that we will be using locations that are already familiar to people. It will be, in some ways, regenerating the purpose of some of our branches."

Private banking customers will have a closer relationship with a manager. Mr Renn said that there will, on average, be one manager for every 150 customers. The branches offering private banking will have a small suite of offices and, in larger branches, a team of about eight managers.

Mr Renn said that clients will deal with the same manager for at least five years.

Midland was acting because "people have more wealth to manage and people are looking for a reliable source of advice", Mr Renn said. Customers wanted to deal with a big, safe institution, but wanted "a much higher quality of support and advice than has been around".

The service will include investment management, tax planning, insurance services, estate planning and pensions.

McCarthy cuts loss to £400,000

BY CARL MORTISHED

McCARTHY & STONE, the loss-making retirement-home builder that raised £15 million from its shareholders in March, achieved higher selling prices in the half year and reduced its pre-tax loss from £6 million to £400,000.

During the six months to February, McCarthy added 571 units on 13 sites. The company said that higher selling prices and lower land costs would improve margins.

McCarthy sold 324 units in the period at an average price of £64,500, compared with 385 at £56,600 in the previous year. It has eliminated its £4.3 million deficit on distributable reserves after an application to the High Court. The company aims to resume preference dividends in January and ordinary dividends for the year to August 1995.

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Lasmo heads higher amid talk of bid by Enterprise Oil

STOCK MARKET

LASMO again stood out as the heaviest traded stock in London, with talk of an imminent 180p a share bid from **Enterprise Oil** doing the rounds in late trading.

The price of **Lasmo** ordinary added a further 8p to 155p, with 18 million shares changing hands, while the nil-paid climbed by a similar amount to 50p as turnover reached almost 7 million.

It is less than two weeks since the group announced plans to raise £219 million by way of a two-for-seven rights issue at 105p. During that time the price has risen 27p.

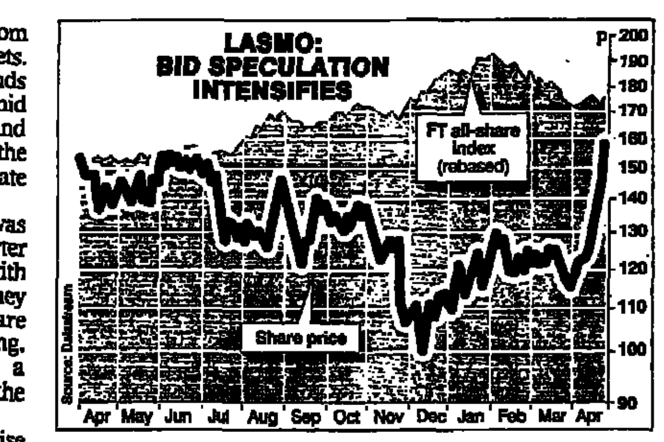
Last week, the company was playing down talk of a bid or a build-up in the shares, choosing instead to emphasise that a re-rating had taken place on the back of the appointment of Rudolph Agnew as chairman and a firmer oil price.

But the speculators claim there is no smoke without fire and are now convinced that a bid is on the way, valuing the company at more than £1.5 billion. Atlantic Richfield, of America, Elf Aquitaine of France and **British Gas**, down 9p at 297p, have been mentioned as potential suitors. Enterprise ended the session 3p cheaper at 445p.

Elsewhere, share prices kicked off the three-week trading account on a dull note after taking their lead from European bond markets. Gilts and German bunds traded sharply lower amid concern that Britain and Germany have reached the bottom of the interest rate cycle.

This view in the City was backed up by the first-quarter GDP, which was in line with expectations. German money supply figures, due today, are also expected to be strong, making the prospect of a further cut in rates by the Bundesbank less likely.

In spite of an opening rise of almost 20 points in the Dow Jones industrial average on Wall Street, prices in London closed at the low for the day, with the FT-SE 100 index down 27.6 points at 3,106.1.



Trading was thin, with only 522 million shares traded.

The electricity distributors remained flat, worried that the industry regulator is planning to take a tough line on price rises. Falls were recorded in **East Midland**, 13p to 558p, **Eastern**, 16p to 600p, **London**, 9p to 572p, **Manweb**, 20p, to 672p, **Midlands**, 11p to 595p, **Northern**, 12p to 631p, **Norweb**, 13p to 637p, **Seeboard**, 17p to 308p, **South Wales**, 10p to 633p, **South West**, 19p to 576p, **Southern**, 20p to 580p, and **Yorkshire**, 13p to 574p.

Glaxo lost 21p at 554p as concern grew that a drop in sales of Zantac, its anti-ulcer drug, would force it to implement a £500 million rationalisation programme.

Lloyds Bank, which announced a proposed £1.8 billion takeover of the Cheltenham & Gloucester Building Society last week, started to run out of steam, falling 8p to 589p as investors began switching into **Abbey National**, up 4p at 436p.

Inchcape fell 13p to 539p after announcing plans last week to make an agreed bid for **Hogg Group**, the insurance broker, 2p off at 255p.

HSBC, which has 6 per cent of Hogg, will now have to look elsewhere. Credit Lyonnais Laing, the broker, believes HSBC, down 8p at 725p, will turn its attention to **C.E. Heath**, 1p easier at 379p, or **Lowndes Lambert**, unchanged at 427p.

Pearson, publisher of the *Financial Times*, fell 6p to 649p after giving a presentation for brokers. They would not comment on speculation that it wants to pay £120 million for ITC, the American television production company.

□ **GILT-EDGED**: Gilts suffered falls of about £1 at the longer after witnessing similar falls among German bunds. The latest GDP figures clouded sentiment and seem to have ruled out the possibility of another cut in interest rates. The June series of the Long Gilt finished £31/32 lower at £106 9/32 in thin trading, with only 54,000 contracts completed.

In the cash market, Treasury 9 per cent 2012 fell £1⅛ to £110 11/32, while in shorts, Treasury 9½ per cent 1999 was £21/32 off at £10 11/16.

□ **NEW YORK**: American shares were higher at midday, with better than expected first-quarter earnings from DuPont fuelling a rise in blue chips. The Dow Jones industrial average was up 17.54 points to 3,666.22.

MICHAEL CLARK

MARKETS AT A GLANCE

THE POUND

US $ ...... 1.4915 (+0.0060)
German mark ...... 2.5045 (-0.0130)
Exchange index ...... 79.9 (-0.1)
Bank of England official close (4pm)

STOCK MARKET

FT-SE 100 ...... 3106.1 (-27.6)
Dow Jones ...... 3666.22 (+17.54)*
Nikkei Avg ...... 19709.14 (-255.25)

INTEREST RATES

London Bank Base 5¼%
3-month Interbank 5 3/16-5⅛%
US Federal Funds 3 13/16%*
3-month Treas Bills 3.78-3.77%*
Long Bond 7.22%*

CURRENCIES

New York:		London:	
£:$	1.4915*	£:$	1.4925
$:DM	1.6788*	£:DM	2.5052
$:SWfr	1.4321*	£:SWfr	2.1386
$:Ffr	5.7620*	£:Ffr	8.5990
$:Yen	103.23*	£:Yen	154.10
£:SDR	1.0600	£:ECU	1.2978

London Forex market close

GOLD

London Fixing ($):
AM 370.25 ...... PM 373.00
Close 372.40-372.90
New York:
Comex 373.55-374.05*

OIL

Brent Crude ... $15.75 per bbl (Jun)

RETAIL PRICES

RPI: 142.5 Mar (2.3%) Jan 1987=100
* Denotes midday trading price

TOURIST RATES

	Bank Buys	Bank Sells
Australia $	2.22	2.02
Austria Sch	18.65	17.15
Belgium Fr	54.85	50.45
Canada $	2.165	2.005
Cyprus Cyp£	0.788	0.738
Denmark Kr	10.47	9.67
Finland Mkk	8.83	8.03
France Fr	9.07	8.37
Germany Dm	2.66	2.45
Greece Dr	386.00	361.00
Hong Kong $	12.18	11.18
Ireland Pt	1.08	1.00
Italy Lira	2495.00	2340.00
Japan Yen	169.00	152.00
Malta	0.619	0.564
Netherlds Gld	2.972	2.742
Norway Kr	11.49	10.69
Portugal Esc	267.50	249.00
S Africa Rd	6.00	5.10
Spain Pta	212.00	198.00
Sweden Kr	12.29	11.49
Switzerland Fr	2.27	2.09
Turkey Lira	0	47259.0
USA $	1.589	1.459

Rates for small denomination bank notes only as supplied by Barclays Bank PLC. Different rates apply to travellers' cheques. Rates as at close of trading yesterday.

VCI and Nightfreight join flotation queue

By Philip Pangalos

THE wave of companies seeking a stock market listing continues with details emerging of the latest batch of candidates planning to float in the coming months.

VCI, one of Britain's leading independent publishers of videos and pre-recorded music, is planning a flotation this summer likely to value the group at more than £60 million. The company was formed in 1985 by Steve Ayres, chief executive, and in September 1989 was the subject of a £90 million management buyout from Prestwich Holdings, though parts of the original business have since been hived off. VCI is looking to raise at least £30 million of new money through a placing and intermediaries offer.

Mr Ayres said that about £25 million of the proceeds will be used to eliminate debts, with the balance to be used to fund expansion and the acquisition of more titles.

VCI, which is behind the *Mr Bean*, *Thomas The Tank Engine* and *Sooty* videos, publishes more than 1,000 video titles. It also publishes budget and mid-priced audio cassettes and compact discs, and distributes audio-visual material and computer games for other firms. The company acquires rights to material originated by leading UK production houses, television companies, US film studios and major record companies, and produces programming material itself. Its products are distributed through high street and specialist retailers, specialist retailers and mail order companies. VCI made an operating profit of £5.9 million last year, on turnover of £59.8 million. Samuel Montagu is sponsor to the float, with James Capel the broker.

Nightfreight, the Liverpool-based express parcels and freight delivery group, will be capitalised at about £50 million when it floats next month. The company is looking to raise about £12 million of new money through a placing, with the proceeds used to eliminate debt and finance expansion. The company, which currently has 38 depots around the country, made pre-tax profits of £2.03 million in the year to November 1993, on turnover of £21.3 million.

Impact day is due on May 17, with dealings starting by end of next month. The company is advised by NM Rothschild, with Panmure Gordon the issue broker.



Steve Ayres, chief executive of float candidate VCI

TWC targets Yorkshire broadcaster

Trans World Communications, the radio group based in Manchester, moved to buy the 25 per cent of West Yorkshire Broadcasting that it does not already own.

The offer values the whole of West Yorkshire, which operates Radio Aire FM and Magic 828 AM, at £404,000. The bid has been accepted by shareholders owning 21 per cent of West Yorkshire.

Airbus orders

Airbus Industrie received 35 orders for new aircraft in the first quarter of 1994, but also indicated 29 cancellations, after selling 38 aircraft in 1993. Cathay Pacific and Air Canada each ordered six A340 Airbuses. Swissair ordered eight A320s and three A319s, Tunis Air one A320, TransAsia Airways two A321s, and an unnamed customer nine A320s.

Morgan move

Morgan Stanley is to open an office in Johannesburg in July, giving the firm's South African clients access to international capital markets and corporate advisory services.

Glass plants

Pilkington, the glass-making company, is to build two plants in Brazil and one in Chile, investing in excess of £100 million.

	Apr 25 midday	Apr 22 close
AMP Inc	60¾	59¾
AMR Corp	58¾	57
Amer T & T	53¾	52¾
Abbott Labs	27¾	28¾
Aetna Life	52¾	53¾
Ahmanson (HF)	18¾	18¾
Air Prod & Chem	43¾	42¾
Albertson's	28¾	28¾
Alcan Aluminum	21¾	21¾
Alco Standard	49¾	49¾
Allied Signal	35¾	35¾
Alum Co of Am	67	67¾
Amax Gold Inc	7¼	6¾
Amerada Hess	49¾	48¾
Amer Brands	31¾	31¾
Amer Cyanamid	47¾	48
Amer El Power	32¾	32¾
Amer Express	29¾	29¾
Amer Genl Corp	26¾	26
Amer Home Pr	59	59
Amer Intl	87¾	87
Amer Stores	25¾	25¾
Ameritech	41¾	42
Amoco	56¾	55¾
Anheuser-Busch	54¾	54
Apple	30¾	29¾
Archer Daniels	23¾	23
Arkla	6¾	6¾
Armco	4¾	4¾
Armstrng Wrld	52¾	52¾
Asarco	23¾	22¾
Ashland Oil	40¾	40¾
Atl Richfield	98¾	98¾
Auto Data Pro	51	50¾
Avery Dennison	27¾	26¾
Avon Products	59¾	59¾
Baker Hughes	18¾	18¾
Baltim Gas & El	24¾	23¾
Banc One	33¾	33¾
BankAmerica	43¾	44
Bank of NY	54¾	53¾
Bankers Tr NY	68¾	68¾
Barnett Banks	46	46
Bausch & Lomb	45¾	44¾
Baxter Intl	23¾	22¾
Becton Dickson	37¾	37¾
Bell Atlantic	53¾	53¾
BellSouth	62¾	61¾
Black & Decker	18¾	18¾
Block (H&R)	43¾	42¾
Boeing	44¾	43¾
Boise Cascade	21¾	21¾
Borden Inc	13	12¾
Bristol Myrs Sq	53¾	53¾
Browning Ferris	28¾	28¾
Brunswick	21¾	21¾
Burlington Nthn	55¾	55¾
CBS	288	284¾
CNA Financial	64¾	64¾
CPC Intl	48¾	48¾
CSX	76¾	77¾
Campbell Soup	39¾	40
Can Pacific	16	15¾
Cpt Cities ABC	699	700
Cptl Holdings	30¾	30¾
Carolina Pwr	26¾	26
Caterpillar	109	107¾
Central & SW	25¾	25¾
Champion Intl	30	29¾
Chase Manhat	33¾	33¾
Chemical Bk	35¾	36
Chevron	91	90¾
Chrysler	48¾	48¾
Chubb Corp	77¾	78¾
Cigna	60¾	61
Citicorp	36¾	37¾
Clorox	50¾	50¾
Coastal Corp	30¾	31¾
Coca Cola	40¾	39¾
Colgate-Palmolive	57¾	58
Columbia Gas	28¾	28
Commonw Ed	25¾	25¾
Compaq Comp	109¾	107¾
Comp Ass Int	30	30¾
Conagra	29¾	29
Cons Edison	31	30¾
Cons Nat Gas	39¾	39¾
Cons Rail	55¾	56¾
Cooper Inds	36¾	36¾
Corning Inc	30¾	30¾
Crown Cork	36	35¾
Dana Corp	53¾	53¾
Dayton Hudson	75	74¾
Deere	79¾	78¾
Delta Air Lines	42	42¾
Deluxe Corp	27¾	27¾
Detroit Edison	26¾	26¾
Digital Equip	18¾	19¾
Dillard Dept St	34	34¾
Disney (Walt)	41¾	42¾
Dominion Res	42¾	41¾
Donelley (RR)	27¾	27¾
Dover Corp	55¾	55¾
Dow Chemical	61¾	59¾
Dow Jones	38¾	39
Dresser	22¾	22¾
Duke Power	36¾	36¾
Dun & Bradstreet	58¾	58¾
Du Pont	58¾	54¾
Eastman Kodak	41¾	40¾
Eaton Corp	54	53
Emerson Elec	57	56¾
Engelhard Corp	25¾	25¾
Enron Corp	30¾	30¾
Entergy	32¾	32¾
Ethyl Corp	11¾	11¾
Exxon	62¾	63
FMC Corp	46	45¾
FPL Group	35	34¾
Federal Express	73¾	72
Fed Nat Mtge	82¾	82
First Chicago	52¾	52¾
First Interstate	76¾	75¾
First Union Rty	7¾	7¾
Fleet Finl Grp	36¾	37
Fluor Corp	50¾	50¾
Ford	56¾	55¾
GTE	32¾	31¾
Gannett	53¾	52¾
Gap Inc Del	46¾	46
Gen Dynamics	40¾	39¾
Gen Electric	96	96
Gen Mills	52¾	52¾
Gen Motors	56¾	55¾
Gen Reinsurance	114¾	112¾
Gen Signal	32¾	32¾
Genuine Parts	35¾	34¾
Georgia Pac	58¾	58
Gillette	66¾	66¾
Glaxo ADR	16¾	17¾
Goodrich (BF)	45	44¾
Goodyear Tire	39¾	39
Grace (W&R)	40¾	40¾
Grt Atl Pac Tea	23¾	23¾
Great Wstn Fin	16¾	17
Halliburton	29¾	29¾
Harcourt General	31	30¾
Heinz (HJ)	33¾	33¾
Hercules	106¾	104¾
Hershey Foods	45¾	45¾
Hewlett Packard	78¾	77
Hilton Hotels	54¾	54¾
Home Depot	41¾	41¾
Homestake Mng	18¾	17¾
Honeywell	31¾	31¾
Household Intl	30¾	31¾
Houston Inds	36¾	36¾
Humana	18¾	18¾
ITT	87¾	86¾
Illinois Tool	39¾	39¾
INCO	22¾	22¾
Ingersoll Rand	35¾	34¾
Inland Steel	33¾	33¾
Intel	62	60¾
IBM	59	58¾
Intl Flav & Fr	36¾	36¾
Intl Paper	62¾	61
James River	17¾	17¾
Jhnsn & Jhnsn	40	40¾
Kellogg	51¾	51¾
Kerr-McGee	45¾	45¾
Kimberly-Clark	54	53¾
Kmart	17¾	18
Knight-Ridder	59¾	58¾
Lilly (Eli)	50¾	50¾
Limited	18¾	18¾
LIN Brdcstng	106	105
Lincoln Nat	37¾	36¾
Litton	30	30¾
Liz Claiborne	25¾	26
Lockheed	61¾	61¾
Louisiana Pac	32	31¾
MCI Commun	23¾	23¾
Marriott Int	25¾	25¾
Marsh & McLen	84¾	84
Masco Corp	28¾	27¾
May Dept St	41¾	40¾
Maytag Corp	18¾	18¾
McCaw Cellular	49¾	49¾
McDonalds	59	59¾
McDonnell D	113	114¾
McGraw Hill	64¾	65¾
Mead Corp	40¾	40¾
Medtronic	74¾	75
Mellon Bk	56¾	57
Melville Corp	39	39¾
Merck	30¾	30¾
Merrill Lynch	35¾	35¾
Minnesota Mine	47¾	47¾
Mobil	79¾	78¾
Monsanto	79¾	78¾
Morgan (JP)	62	62
Motorola	45¾	46
Natl Medical	16	16¾
Natl Semi	19¾	19¾
Natl Service Ind	26¾	26¾
Navistar Int	20	19¾
NBD Bancorp	28¾	28¾
NY Times A	25¾	25¾
Newmont Mng	40¾	38¾
Niag Mohawk	18¾	18¾
Nike B	54¾	54¾
NL Industries	6¾	6¾
Nordstrom	39¾	38¾
Norfolk Sthrn	61¾	61¾
Nthn State Pwr	42¾	42¾
Norwest Corp	25¾	26¾
Nynex Corp	37	35¾
Occidental Pet	17	17
Ohio Edison	18¾	18¾
Oracle Systems	31	30¾
Oryx Energy Co	16¾	16¾
Owens Corning	33¾	33¾
PNC Financial	28¾	28¾
PPG Industries	73¾	73¾
Paccar Inc	52¾	53
Pacificorp	17¾	17¾
Pac Enterprises	22¾	22¾
Pac Gas & Elect	26¾	27¾
Pac Telesis	32	32
Pall Corp	16¾	16¾
Panhandle East	20¾	20¾
Parker Hannifin	40¾	40¾
Peco Energy	28¾	28¾
Penney (JC)	53¾	54¾
Pennzoil	48¾	48¾
Pepsico	36	35¾
Pfizer	58¾	58¾
Phelps Dodge	53¾	53¾
Philip Morris	53¾	52¾
Phillips Pet	32¾	32
Pitney Bowes	41¾	40¾
Polaroid	30¾	30¾
PriceCostco	14¾	14¾
Procter & Gmbl	56¾	56¾
Pub Serv E & G	28¾	28¾
Quaker Oats	65¾	65
Ralston Purina	37¾	38¾
Raychem Corp	34¾	34
Raytheon	64	64¾
Reebok Intl	30¾	30¾
Reynolds Metals	43	43¾
Roadway Srvcs	68¾	67¾
Rockwell	37¾	38
Rohm & Haas	56¾	56
Royal Dutch	108¾	108
Rubbermaid	26¾	26¾
Safeco Corp	53¾	52¾
St Paul's Cos	81¾	81¾
Salomon Inc	48¾	49¾
Santa Fe Pac	22¾	22¾
Sara Lee Corp	21¾	21
Seecorp	15¾	15¾
Schering Plough	59¾	60¾
Schlumberger	55	55
Scott Paper	40¾	41
Seagram	29¾	28¾
Sears Roebuck	46¾	46¾
Shell Trans	64¾	64¾
Sherwin Wlms	32¾	32¾
Skyline	18¾	18¾
Snap-On-Tools	37¾	37¾
Southern Co	20	19¾
Sthwestern Bell	43¾	42¾
Sprint Corp	37	37¾
Stanley Works	38¾	39
Sun Company	32¾	33
Sun Microsys	22¾	21¾
Suntrust	46¾	46¾
Supervalu	31¾	31¾
Syntex Corp	13¾	12¾
Sysco Corp	26¾	26
TRW Inc	65¾	65¾
Tandem Comp	12¾	11¾
Tandy	33¾	33
Telecom Corp	3¾	3¾
Teledyne	16¾	16¾
Temple Inland	47	46¾
Tenneco	51¾	50¾
Texaco	65¾	65
Texas Inst	74¾	73¾
Texas Utilities	36¾	36¾
Textron	53	52¾
Time Warner	35¾	35¾
Times-Mirror	31¾	31¾
Timken	33	33¾
Torchmark	39	39¾
Toys R Us	34¾	34¾
Transamerica	50	50¾
Travelers	34¾	35¾
Tribune	61¾	60¾
Tyco Labs	44¾	44¾
UST Inc	26¾	26
UAL Corp	126¾	126
USX Marathon	17¾	17¾
Unilever NV	111¾	109¾
Union Camp	43¾	43
Union Carbide	24¾	24¾
Union Pacific	58	58
Unisys	11¾	11¾
USAIR Group	8¾	8¾
USF&G Corp	12¾	12¾
US Life	38	37¾
US West	43¾	43¾
United Tech	63¾	63¾
Unocal Corp	27¾	27
Upjohn	26¾	26¾
VF Corp	50¾	50¾
WMX Tech	25¾	25¾
Wal-Mart Stores	25¾	25¾
Warner-Lambert	67	65¾
Wells Fargo	142¾	143
Westinghouse El	11¾	11¾
Weyerhaeuser	40¾	39¾
Whirlpool	55¾	54¾
Whitman	15¾	15¾
Winn Dixie	46¾	45¾
Woolworth	16¾	16
Wrigley (Wm) Jr	51¾	49¾
Xerox	95¾	95¾

RECENT ISSUES

Abtrust High Inc (100)	100	-1	Partco (200)	230	...	CALA n/p (116)	7	+4
Abtrust Scot Wts	10	...	Persona (160)	176	...	Dale Electric n/p (55)	16	+5
Capital Shop C'tre	224½	...	Piper Euro Smaller (100)	94	-1	Era n/p (9)	¼	...
Chester Water	£82½	...	Piper Euro Wts	34	...	Guinness Peat n/p (25)	9½	...
Edinburgh Inca	47	...	Secure Retirement	53	...	Holliday Chem n/p (180)	33	+2
Fiscal Props (78)	76	...	Siam Select Wts	26	...	IAF n/p (33)	4	...
Gartmore Brit Inc	104	...	St James Beach Htls (120)	131	...	LASMO n/p (105)	50	+8
Gartmore Brit Uts	212	...	Templton Em Mk C	101	+1	McCarthy & Stone n/p (58)	7	+1½
Govett Global Smlr	480	-3	Wainhomes (170)	159	...	Misys n/p (425)	64	+1
Groupe Chez Grd (110)	114	...	Wellington (205)	220	...	Mowlem n/p (100)	7	+1½
House of Fraser (180)	185	+2	RIGHTS ISSUES			Pentos n/p (25)	2¼	-¼
Mercury Euro Wts	37	...	Abtrust Scotland n/p	2	...	Simon Eng n/p (100)	19	+1½
Nottingham (155)	155	...	Brit Bio-Tech Uts n/p (£16)	313	...	Try Group n/p (23)	4	+1

RISES:			
A McAlpine	278p (+16p)	Thomson Corp	815p (-20p)
Moss Bros	325p (+46p)	Carlton Comm	924p (-12p)
Micro Focus	808p (+10p)	Utd Friendly	540p (-10p)
Smith New Crt	358p (+12p)	TI	413p (-12p)
City Site Ests	82p (+9p)	Suter	191p (-10p)
Shiloh	178p (+15p)	Paterson Zoch	518p (-10p)
Eurotunnel Uts	463p (+15p)	AB Food	583p (-15p)
FALLS:		BOC	665p (-13p)
Stand Chartered	995p (-14p)	Glaxo	554p (-21p)
SG Warburg	698p (-11p)	McKechnie	500p (-24p)
Scot & New	533p (-10p)	Powerscreen	239p (-14p)
Inchcape	539p (-13p)		

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FT-SE VOLUMES

ASDA Gp	2,300	Caradon	84	Lloyds Bk	8,700	Sears	16,000
Abbey Natl	4,300	Carlton Cms	561	MEPC	120	Svrn Trent	685
Alld-Lyons	1,200	Coats Vyla	409	Marks Spr	3,600	Shell Trans	5,100
Argyll Gp	3,500	Cm Union	1,100	NFC	248	Siebe	987
Arjo Wiggn	720	Courtaulds	590	NatWst Bk	3,100	SmKl Bch	1,200
AB Foods	1,100	De La Rue	740	Nat Power	878	Smith Nph	1,000
BAA	741	Eastern Elec	1,300	Nth Wst W	673	Southern Elec	723
BAT Inds	3,100	Enterpr Oil	1,100	P & O	405	Std Chartd	211
BOC	1,200	Forte	962	Pearson	966	Sun Allnce	575
BP	14,000	GRE	1,600	PowerGen	591	TI Gp	809
BTR	5,600	GUS	894	Prudential	3,600	TSB	2,900
BT	5,800	Gen Acc	224	RMC	72	Tarmac	2,600
Bk of Scot	2,900	Gen Elec	4,300	RTZ	2,300	Tesco	3,600
Barclays	2,100	Glaxo	3,300	Rank Org	994	Thames W	616
Bass	1,100	Granada	1,500	Reckitt Col	214	Thrn EMI	795
Blue Circle	1,000	Grand Met	1,100	Redland	1,000	Tomkins	1,100
Boots	1,400	Guinness	1,000	Reed Intl	1,000	Unilever	460
Bowater	1,100	HSBC	2,100	Rentokil	161	Utd Bisc	184
Brit Aero	2,200	Hanson	5,100	Reuters	7,500	Vodafone	4,500
Brit Airways	1,200	ICI	2,000	Rolls Royce	1,900	Warburg (SG)	498
Brit Gas	6,100	Inchcape	653	Ryl Ins	987	Wellcome	708
Brit Steel	4,000	Kingfisher	1,200	Ryl Bk Scot	646	Whitbread	688
Burmah Cast	615	Ladbroke	1,600	Sainsbury	2,000	Wlms Hld	259
Cable Wire	5,100	Land Secs	1,400	Scot & New	598	Wolseley	302
Cadbury	662	Legal & Gn	852	Scot Power	1,700	Zeneca	466

MAJOR INDICES

New York (midday):
Dow Jones ...... 3666.22 (+17.54)
S&P Composite ...... 449.27 (+1.64)

Tokyo:
Nikkei Av'ge ...... 19709.14 (-255.25)

Hong Kong:
Hang Seng ...... 9136.11 (-20.74)

Amsterdam:
EOE Index ...... 414.96 (-4.15)

Sydney: AO ...... Closed

Frankfurt:
DAX ...... 2202.22 (-11.70)

FT 30 share: ...... 2477.9 (-23.0)

Brussels:
General ...... 7574.93 (+12.19)

Paris: CAC-40 ...... 2116.29 (-18.88)

Zurich: SKA Gen ...... 692.50 (-0.60)

London:
FT A All-Share ...... 1571.74 (-11.87)
FT Non Financials ...... 1702.62 (-13.46)
FT Gold Mines ...... 192.5 (-6.5)
FT Fixed Interest ...... 115.69 (+0.04)
FT Govt Secs ...... 95.73 (-0.77)
Bargains 26941
SEAQ Volume 522.3m
USM (Datastrm) ...... 161.05 (+0.54)

TRADITIONAL OPTIONS

First Dealings	Last Dealings	Last Declaration	For Settlement
April 18	April 29	July 28	August 8

Call options were taken out on 25/4/94: Aminex, Brown & Jackson, CRP Leisure, Com-Tel, EFG, National Home Loans, Osprey Comms, Psion, Vodafone, Wilshaw. Puts: Sherwood Computer, Tiphook. Puts & Calls: Brown & Jackson, LASMO, Royal Bank of Scotland, Smithkline Beecham 'A', Vodafone.

LONDON FINANCIAL FUTURES

	Period	Open	High	Low	Close	Volume
FT-SE 100	Jun 94	3138.0	3138.0	3101.0	3102.0	11524
Previous open interest: 54167	Sep 94	3136.0	3136.0	3136.0	3120.5	1
Three Month Sterling	Jun 94	94.62	94.62	94.57	94.57	9250
Previous open interest: 479960	Sep 94	94.31	94.31	94.24	94.25	11465
	Dec 94	93.88	93.88	93.78	93.78	7592
Three Mth Eurodollar	Jun 94	95.33	95.33	95.32	95.32	38
Previous open interest: 10184	Sep 94	94.73	94.74	94.73	94.72	68
Three Mth Euro DM	Jun 94	94.74	94.76	94.71	94.72	21686
Previous open interest: 979739	Sep 94	94.86	94.87	94.82	94.83	30473
Long Gilt	Jun 94	106-26	106-28	105-26	106-09	64556
Previous open interest: 137618	Sep 94				105-12	0
Japanese Govmt Bond	Jun 94	112.28	112.28	112.10	112.15	1191
	Sep 94	111.13	111.13	111.13	111.09	5
German Gov Bd Bund	Jun 94	94.74	94.80	93.58	93.65	157809
Previous open interest: 200574	Sep 94	94.20	94.23	93.35	93.31	369
German Gov Bd Bobl	Jun 94	99.63	99.63	99.63	99.40	20
Previous open interest: 2153	Sep 94					0
Three month ECU	Jun 94	94.17	94.17	94.15	94.16	547
Previous open interest: 33572	Sep 94	94.30	94.30	94.27	94.27	249
Euro Swiss Franc	Jun 94	96.10	96.10	96.03	96.04	4811
Previous open interest: 41531	Sep 94	96.07	96.07	96.02	96.02	1306
Italian Govmt Bond	Jun 94	111.65	111.80	110.34	110.44	23504
Previous open interest: 80329	Sep 94				109.98	0

Exchange index compared with 1985 was down at 79.9 (day's range 79.9-80.1).

Mkt Rates for Apr 25	Range	Close	1 month	3 month
Amsterdam	2.8130-2.8224	2.8130-2.8164	⅛pr-⅛ds	par-⅛ds
Brussels	51.56-51.73	51.56-51.66	par-4ds	2-9ds
Copenhagen	9.8340-9.8730	9.8390-9.8540	⅝-1⅛ds	1½-3ds
Dublin	1.0265-1.0300	1.0268-1.0297	6-9ds	23-28ds
Frankfurt	2.5035-2.5136	2.5035-2.5068	par-⅛ds	par-¼ds
Lisbon	256.72-257.72	256.99-257.62	140-175ds	365-430ds
Madrid	204.10-204.86	204.10-204.40	43-53ds	130-149ds
Milan	2397.00-2408.80	2397.30-2401.20	4-7ds	14-17ds
Montreal	2.0564-2.0634	2.0604-2.0634	0.03-0.14ds	0.18-0.30ds
New York	1.4912-1.4936	1.4920-1.4930	0.17-0.15pr	0.39-0.35pr
Oslo	10.8810-10.9180	10.8870-10.9020	⅜-1⅜ds	¼-⅞ds
Paris	8.5920-8.6300	8.5920-8.6060	⅜-⅝ds	1¼-1¾ds
Stockholm	11.7200-11.7630	11.7270-11.7500	1⅝-2⅝ds	5⅞-7ds
Tokyo	153.64-154.24	153.97-154.23	½-⅜pr	1¼-1⅛pr
Vienna	17.62-17.68	17.65-17.68	par-1⅛ds	⅜-1⅛ds
Zurich	2.1339-2.1401	2.1371-2.1401	¼-⅛pr	¾-½pr

Source: Extel Premium - pr. Discount - ds.

OTHER STERLING

Argentina peso*	1.4893-1.4918
Australia dollar	2.0794-2.0818
Bahrain dinar	0.556-0.568
Brazil cruzeiro *	1743.78-1746.16
Cyprus pound	0.7465-0.7565
Finland markka	8.0995-8.2155
Greece drachma	365.25-372.25
Hong Kong dollar	11.5198-11.5290
India rupee	46.33-47.29
Kuwait dinar KD	0.4385-0.4485
Malaysia ringgit	4.0118-4.0146
Mexico peso	4.93-5.03
New Zealand dollar	2.5996-2.6040
Saudi Arabia riyal	5.5295-5.6555
Singapore dollar	2.3214-2.3236
S Africa rand (fin)	7.2469-7.3265
S Africa rand (com)	5.3843-5.4958
U A E dirham	5.4155-5.5395

Barclays Bank GTS * Lloyds Bank

DOLLAR SPOT RATES

Australia	1.3950-1.3960
Austria	11.82-11.83
Belgium (Com)	34.59-34.60
Canada	1.3820-1.3825
Denmark	6.5970-6.6020
France	5.7705-5.7750
Germany	1.6798-1.6803
Hong Kong	7.7262-7.7272
Ireland	1.4512-1.4532
Italy	1608.0-1610.0
Japan	103.22-103.27
Malaysia	2.6903-2.6913
Netherlands	1.8877-1.8887
Norway	7.3005-7.3035
Portugal	172.30-172.60
Singapore	1.5567-1.5577
Spain	136.98-137.08
Sweden	7.8576-7.8651
Switzerland	1.4306-1.4316

MONEY RATES (%)

Base Rates: Clearing Banks 5¼ Finance Hse 5½
Discount Market Loans: O/night high: 5¼ Low 4¾ Week fixed: 4 13/16
Treasury Bills (Dis): Buy: 2 mth 4 13/16; 3 mth 4 13/16. Sell: 2 mth 4¾; 3 mth 4¾.

	1 mth	2 mth	3 mth	6 mth	12 mth
Prime Bank Bills (Dis):	4 29/32-4 27/32	4 15/16-4⅞	4 31/32-4⅞	5¼-5⅛	
Sterling Money Rates:					
Interbank:	5⅛-5 1/16	5⅛-5¼	5¼-5⅛	5 9/16-5 7/16	5¾-5⅝
	5⅛-5 1/16	5¼-5⅛	5 5/16-5 3/16	5 9/16-5 7/16	5⅞-5¾

Overnight: open 4¾, close 5.

	1 mth	2 mth	3 mth	6 mth	12 mth
Local Authority Deps:	5 1/16	n/a	5¼	5 9/16	5¾
Sterling CDs:	5⅛-4 31/32	5¼-5 1/16	5⅛-5 3/16	5⅝-5 7/16	5⅞-5¾
Dollar CDs:	3.83	n/a	3.12	3.55	4.17
Building Society CDs:	5⅛-5	5¼-5⅛	5⅜-5 5/16	5⅝-5½	5 15/16-5¾

ECGD: Fixed Rate Sterling Export Finance. Make-up day: Mar 31, 1994 Agreed rates Apr 26, 1994 to May 24, 1994 Schemes III: 6.47%. Reference rate Mar 1, 1994 to Mar 31, 1994 Scheme IV & V: 5.214%.

EUROPEAN MONEY DEPOSITS (%)

Currency	7 day	1 mth	3 mth	6 mth	Call
Dollar:	3⅝-3½	3¾-3⅝	4⅛-4	4⅜-4¼	4-3¾
Deutschemark:	6⅛-6	6⅛-6	6⅛-6	6⅛-6	6-5
French Franc:	6-5⅞	6-5⅞	5 15/16-5 13/16	5⅞-5¾	6⅛-5⅞
Swiss Franc:	4⅛-4	4-3⅞	4⅛-3 15/16	4 1/16-3 15/16	4⅛-3¾
Yen:	2⅛-2	2⅛-2	2⅛-2	2⅛-2	2⅛-1¾

GOLD AND PRECIOUS METALS (London)

Bullion: Open $369.80-370.20 Close: $372.40-372.90 High: $373.30-373.80 Low: $369.40-369.90 Krugerrand: $371.75-373.75 (£248.50-250.50)
Sovereigns: Old $87.00-89.00 (£58.00-60.00) New $87.00-89.00 (£58.00-60.00)
Platinum: $390.00 (£261.20) Silver: $5.14 (£3.445) Palladium: $134.25 (£89.90)

LIFFE OPTIONS

Series		Calls Jul	Oct	Jan	Puts Jul	Oct	Jan
Alld Lyon	540	51	61	—	12	18½	—
(*557)	580	22	33	—	34½	42	—
Argyll	220	18½	23	27	13½	18½	22
(*229)	240	9	14½	18	26	30½	33½
ASDA	50	7	9½	11	2	4½	5
(*55)	60	3½	5	6½	7½	10½	11
Boots	500	49	56	63	10½	16½	23
(*539)	550	18	30	37	34	41	47
Br Airways	390	33	42	47½	16	21½	27
(*410½)	420	17½	27	33	32½	37½	42
BP	360	39	46½	52½	8	14	16½
(*368)	390	20½	30	36½	20	26	30
Br Steel	140	15½	19½	23½	7	11½	13½
(*148)	160	6	11	14½	19½	23	25
C & W	450	30½	—	—	22½	—	—
(*459½)	475	18½	—	—	36½	—	—
CU	550	42½	48	56	14	23½	28
(*571)	600	16½	23	31½	41	52	56
ICI	800	64½	75	89½	21	35	44½
(*834)	850	35	49½	62½	44	60	68
Kingfishr	550	56	67½	78	14	24	29½
(*597)	600	26½	40½	52	35½	47½	53½
Land Sec	650	28½	38½	48	27	32	40½
(*667)	700	7	19½	27	62	65½	71
M & S	420	22	30	37	16	19½	23
(*429)	460	7	14	19½	42	44	46
Nat West	420	40	47	54	12½	21½	23
(*440)	460	19½	27	34½	33	41½	44½
Sainsbury	330	26½	37	42	15	22	24
(*349)	360	14½	24	27½	32½	37½	39½
Shell	700	40	57	65	14½	26	31
(*722½)	750	19½	31	40	38	51	57
Smkl Bch	360	30½	42	49	14½	22½	28
(*376)	390	16	28	34½	30½	38	44
Storehse	200	14½	25	29	7½	10½	13½
(*212)	220	8½	14½	18½	18	21½	24
Trafalgar	97	11½	—	—	8	—	—
(*94½)	106	7	—	—	13½	—	—
Unilever	1050	61½	83½	97½	23½	31½	39½
(*1074½)	1100	32	56	69	48½	56½	63½
Zeneca	650	56½	70	78½	14	25½	31½
(*657)	700	29	42	51½	35	49½	55½
Series		May	Aug	Nov	May	Aug	Nov
Grnd Met	460	12	27½	37½	10½	24½	31
(*460½)	500	2	12	21½	42	51	55½
Ladbroke	180	9½	19	25½	4	9½	16½
(*180)	200	2½	9½	16	16	22	29
Utd Bisc	330	13½	27	36½	6	13	21½
(*336)	360	2½	13½	23½	26½	30½	38

Series		Calls Jul	Oct	Jan	Puts Jul	Oct	Jan
BAA	950	51	74	86	32½	46½	55½
(*968)	1000	27	50	61½	61½	73	82
Thames W	460	35	39½	43	16	24	30
(*484½)	500	13	20½	24½	40½	46½	53
Series		May	Aug	Nov	May	Aug	Nov
BAT Ind	420	28½	43	50	3½	13	21
(*443½)	460	6	19	31½	22	32	43
BTR	360	30	40½	47½	2	8½	15
(*387)	390	7½	22½	30½	11	20½	28½
Br Aero	460	33	61½	75	8	29½	41½
(*484½)	500	12	40	56½	28	48	63
Br Telcm	360	25½	34½	39	1½	10½	15
(*383)	390	5½	16	23½	11½	26	30½
Cadbury	453	17	—	—	3½	—	—
(*465½)	493	2½	—	—	30½	—	—
Guinness	460	18	34½	44½	5½	17½	27½
(*470)	500	3½	16½	25½	32½	37½	50½
GEC	300	16½	23½	28	2½	12	16
(*313)	330	2	8	14	19½	30½	33½
Hanson	260	8	16	20½	4	11	16
(*264)	280	1½	7	12	17½	23½	27½
LASMO	134	26	32½	37	2½	6	9½
(*156½)	154	10½	19	23	7	14	15
Lucas	200	17½	26	30½	2	8	13½
(*214½)	220	4½	14	19½	9½	17½	24
Pilkingtn	200	10½	18	27½	4	11½	16½
(*209)	220	2½	9½	18½	17½	23½	28
Prudential	300	21	31½	36½	2	7½	14
(*318½)	330	3½	14½	21	14	22½	29
Redland	500	44½	60½	70	2	12	22½
(*540½)	550	9½	30	42	15½	31½	46½
Royal Ins	240	19	29½	38	2½	9½	16
(*259)	260	7	18½	27½	11	19	27
Tesco	200	7	16½	22	5	11½	16
(*203)	220	1½	8	13½	20½	24	28
Vodafone	500	28½	46	61½	5½	22	30
(*522)	550	5	23	37	33	50½	57½
Williams	360	27	38	45	2	8	14
(*384)	390	7	21	28	12½	21½	28

FT-SE INDEX (*3107½)

	3000	3050	3100	3150	3200	3250
Calls						
May	127	89	57	34	18	9
Jun	147	113	84	62	42	28
Jul	167	136	107	83	63	47
Aug	190	159	128	105	85	66
Dec	255	—	195	—	147	—
Puts						
May	21	36	55	84	122	162
Jun	45	61	84	111	142	179
Jul	60	79	101	127	157	192
Aug	78	97	117	144	173	206
Dec	132	—	171	—	221	—

Series		Calls Jun	Sep	Dec	Puts Jun	Sep	Dec
Abby Nat	420	29½	39½	49	9	19½	24½
(*436½)	460	10½	21	30	31	41½	45½
Amstrad	30	5	7	8	2	3	4
(*33½)	35	2½	4½	5½	4	5½	6½
Barclays	500	28	43	53	14	28	35
(*511)	550	7½	21	31	45½	57	64
Blue Circ	300	24	34½	40½	6	16	21
(*314)	330	8	19	26	22	32½	36½
Br Gas	280	19	24	27	6½	12½	17½
(*297)	300	7	14	17½	18	23½	29
Dixons	200	12	18	23	9½	19	22
(*200½)	220	4½	10½	15½	23	32½	35½
Forte	220	23½	32½	33½	4	9	12½
(*237)	240	11½	21½	22½	12½	18½	22
Hillsdown	160	13	19½	23	4	8½	9½
(*167)	180	4	10½	13½	16	21	21½
Lonrho	140	13½	20	25½	7	14½	17½
(*145)	160	5	12½	17	19½	20½	29½
Sears	130	6	10	13½	6	9	11½
(*131½)	140	3½	6½	9	13½	15½	17½
Thrn Eml	1100	64	88½	108	22½	54	66½
(*1133½)	1150	39½	61½	81½	45½	81	92½
Tomkins	240	14½	22	26	7½	15½	18
(*246)	260	6	12½	16½	20½	27½	30
TSB	200	18	25	28½	5	11	13½
(*211)	220	7½	14½	18½	15	23	25
Wellcome	500	34	54	63½	18½	33½	43
(*512½)	550	12½	31	41½	49	62½	70
Series		Jul	Oct	Jan	Jul	Oct	Jan
Glaxo	550	41½	52½	62	30	50	56
(*553½)	600	21	31½	43	61	81½	87½
HSBC	700	69	89½	107½	35	54½	64½
(*724½)	750	44	67½	84	61½	80	90
Reuter	5125	33½	44	—	25½	31	—
(*517.5)	5250	27½	37½	—	32	37	—
Series		May	Aug	Nov	May	Aug	Nov
R-Royce	180	17	24½	29	2	8	12½
(*194)	200	4	12	18	10	17	23
Series		Jun	Sep	Dec	Jun	Sep	Dec
Fisons	140	16	24	27	7	12½	17½
(*147½)	160	7	14½	18	18½	24½	29
Series		May	Aug	Nov	May	Aug	Nov
Eastrn Elc	600	13	30½	42½	12½	35	45
(*607½)	650	3	12½	23½	51½	71	78
Series		Jun	Sep	Dec	Jun	Sep	Dec
Natl Pwr	420	24½	34½	43	14½	22½	28
(*434½)	460	6	17	25	39	46½	51
Scot Pwr	330	36½	43	48	4½	14	16
(*358½)	360	16	24½	31	14½	28	30

April 25, 1994 Tot: 15295 Call: 9327 Put: 5968 FT-SE Call: 2261 Put: 3523
*Underlying security price.

COMMODITIES

GNI REPORT: Few were willing to take major positions on the LCE coffee market ahead of Tuesday's meeting between the Brazilian government and the local coffee growers. Also, the robusta coffee retention indicator rose above the key 70 cents level which should trigger the release of coffee from the Association of Coffee Producing Countries inventory reserve. Prices ended near the day's highs.

LONDON COMMODITY EXCHANGE

COCOA

May	854-850	Jul	964-960
Jul	874-873	Sep	977-973
Sep	893-892	Dec	992-991
Dec	916-915	Mar	1012-1000
Mar	938-937		
May	952-951	Volume:	4320

ROBUSTA COFFEE ($)

May	1548-1546	Jan	1456-1452
Jul	1495-1494	Mar	1460-1450
Sep	1480-1479	May	1460-1450
Nov	1471-1470	Volume:	2166

NO.7 PREMIUM RAW SUGAR (6.00pm)

		Jan	unq
Spot: 282.50		Mar	unq
May	11.60-11.75	May	unq
Jul	11.95-12.30	Jul	unq
Sep	unq	Volume:	139

WHITE SUGAR (FOB)

Reuters		Mar	302.9-01.5
Spot: 333.0		May	302.9-00.7
Aug	327.8-27.0	Aug	306.9-03.2
Oct	312.0-11.0	Oct	297.4-91.7
Dec	306.0-04.6	Volume:	677

MEAT & LIVESTOCK COMMISSION

Average fatstock prices at representative markets on April 25

(p/kg lw)	Pig	Sheep	Cattle
GB:	78.02	141.80	126.30
(+/-)	+1.59	-2.36	-1.47
Eng/Wales:	78.14	142.64	125.75
(+/-)	+1.67	-3.12	-1.89
(%)	-25.2	-25.8	-39.4
Scotland:	68.20	128.91	131.16
(+/-)	-7.21	-0.05	+2.11
(%)	-73.8	-53.8	-34.2

LONDON MEAT FUTURES

Live Pig (£/kg)

	Open	Close		Open	Close
Aug	unq	-	Mar	unq	-
Sep	unq	-	Volume:	0	

GNI LONDON GRAIN FUTURES

WHEAT (close £/t)

May	113.75
Jun	114.35
Sep	96.30
Nov	97.20
Jan	99.15
Volume:	476

BARLEY (close £/t)

May	109.40
Sep	95.75
Nov	97.85
Jan	99.65
Mar	100.50
Volume:	23

HI-PRO SOYA (close £/t)

Aug	unq
Oct	—
Dec	—
Feb	—
Apr	—
Volume:	0

POTATO

(£/t)	Open	Close
May	250.0	240.0
Nov	unq	90.0
Apr	138.0	133.0
Volume:		183

RUBBER

No 1 RSS Cif (p/k)
May 70.00-70.50

ICIS-LOR (London 6.00pm): Crude oil prices managed to retain most of Friday's late gains despite some feelings that the rally had ended.

CRUDE OILS ($/barrel FOB)

Brent Physical	16.30	+0.25
Brent 15 day (May)	16.15	+0.25
Brent 15 day (Jun)	15.75	+0.20
W Texas Intermediate (Jun)	17.10	+0.20
W Texas Intermediate (Jul)	16.90	+0.20

PRODUCTS ($/MT)

Spot CIF NW Europe (prompt delivery)

	Bid	Offer
Premium Gas .15	172 (+2)	174 (+2)
Gasoil EEC	154 (+3)	156 (+1)
Non EEC 1H May	156 (+3)	158 (+3)
Non EEC 1H Jun	153 (+1)	155 (+2)
3.5 Fuel Oil	80 (+6)	84 (+8)
Naphtha	149 (+3)	152 (+4)

IPE FUTURES
GNI Ltd

GAS OIL

May	152.50-52.75	Aug	152.75-53.50
Jun	151.50-51.75	Sep	154.00-54.50
Jul	151.75-52.00	Oct	156.00-56.25
		Vol:	12548

BRENT (6.00pm)

Jun	15.70-15.73	Sep	15.42-15.47
Jul	15.55-15.57	Oct	15.40-15.42
Aug	15.48-15.52	Vol:	22328

UNLEADED GASOLINE

May	166.00-67.75	Aug	unq
Jun	unq	Sep	—
Jul	—	Vol:	60

BIFFEX
GNI Ltd ($10/pt)

	High	Low	Close
Apr 94	1378	1370	1378
May 94	1375	1365	1375
Jun 94	1291	1280	1293
Jul 94	1185	1185	1183

Vol: 164 lots. Open Int'st: 3077 Index 1354 +19

LONDON METAL EXCHANGE Rudolf Wolff

(Official) (Volume prev day)	Cash	3mth	Vol
Copper Gde A ($/tonne)	1905.0-1905.5	1926.0-1926.5	1779225
Lead ($/tonne)	442.00-443.00	457.50-458.00	1527360
Zinc Spec Hi Gde ($/tonne)	915.00-916.00	937.00-938.00	489225
Tin ($/tonne)	5330.0-5335.0	5390.0-5392.0	10705
Aluminium Hi Gde ($/tonne)	1266.0-1267.0	1292.5-1293.0	1532025
Nickel ($/tonne)	1307.0-1312.0	1309.0-1311.0	97614

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Industrial investment put back on the agenda

Philip Bassett finds a sharp split in British manufacturing over a key factor for industry's health and the strength of economic recovery



Clive Jeanes, of Milliken Industrials, whose £6 million investment is driven by efficiency not expansion

At Leach and Thompson, ironfounders, in Keighley, West Yorkshire, Frank Thompson, managing director, is adamant: no investment. Across in Lancashire, Clive Jeanes is putting £6 million into new equipment at Milliken Industrials, the Wigan textile maker he heads.

The entirely different tracks being taken by the men neatly exemplify the sharp split in British manufacturing over a key factor not just for the health of British industry but for the strength of the economic recovery: the United Kingdom's investment famine.

The vital importance of investment will be underlined this week when MPs on the all-party Commons' trade and industry committee set out a range of proposals aimed at improving the long-term competitiveness of British industry in advance of the White Paper on the issue due next month from Michael Heseltine, President of the Board of Trade.

In a survey of 7,500 companies last week, the British Chambers of Commerce reported a renewed rise in investment. Christopher Stewart-Smith, its president, said the intention of firms to invest was at its most positive for more than four years.

Today, in its quarterly industrial trends survey, the CBI will report on whether it is seeing any sustained signs of investment growth. Kate Barker, the CBI's new chief economic adviser, who will be debating UK business investment at an Institute for Fiscal Studies conference next month, said: "It's certainly the right question to be asking."

Three months ago, the CBI's authoritative survey recorded the first rise in companies' intentions to invest in new plant and machinery since July 1989. The shift, if it is confirmed tomorrow, may be significant. Although the CBI's "softer" economic indicators, such as overall business optimism, have been ticking up for some time, companies have shown a marked reluctance to put their money where their mouths are — to turn that claimed confidence into new investment.

At Leach and Thompson, which has been in Keighley making metal parts for manufacturing industry for close on 60 years, Mr Thompson is not surprised. He said: "Before we start putting our hand in our pocket and start spending, we have to be sure — really sure — that we can justify it."

After a "dreadful" three years in which he has seen many of his competitors and customers go to the wall, and needing to get two new customers a month just to stand still, Mr Thompson sees nothing of the economic recovery ministers claim.

With the factory working at only 70 per cent capacity, he is insistent that while he will meet customer demand, he will not spend money — any money — on additional production capacity in preparation for recovery until the 20-strong company can see it could make a good enough margin on the investment to cover the risks.

At Milliken Europe, with more than 1,000 employees at eight plants in the UK, Belgium, France and Denmark, Mr Jeanes is cautious as well — although he says that his company saw the worst back in 1991, and that the slow pace of the recovery may well be testament to its strength.

However, his investment of £6 million over two years is driven by efficiency rather than expansion. The money was necessary, he said, to improve the technology of his manufacturing process from 25-year-old plant. With his UK plants working at 65-70 per cent capacity, he sees no need to invest in new kit for expansion, and believes in any case that the recovery will be gradual: "It's going to be slow and steady, rather than spectacular," he said.

The understandable decline in investment during the recession came after the UK, like most other industrialised nations, saw strong investment growth in the 1980s. Mr Heseltine's department said that the volume of manufacturing investment in the UK rose by more than a third between 1981 and 1992 — although investment growth in Britain peaked higher than its competitors' and swung down deeper when the recession hit. Earlier out of the trough, investment in America is now roaring ahead, casting further doubts on Britain's future international competitiveness, while in forecasting general investment growth, the OECD is predicting that both Japan and Germany will pick up quickly from the investment dips they are now in.

But economists believe that the time is ripe too for Britain's investment famine to end. Andrew Sentance, economic forecaster at the London Business School, said: "There should be some improvement in investment over this year. And it's about time too." Analysts holding such views cite three main reasons:

☐ Cheap money. Low interest rates mean that the cost of capital is low, although industrial managers such as Mr Thompson deride that as irrelevant, preferring instead to measure real orders and decide accordingly.

☐ Good profits. The profitability of UK business rose sharply in the 1980s, and in spite of the recession it is still high: Government figures suggest that companies' gross trading profits in the final quarter of 1993 compared with the same period a year earlier were up by 30 per cent.

☐ Low inflation. The more bullish suggest that if Britain is really set for low inflation for the foreseeable future, then the traditional caution about the value of investment, based on rates of return on capital of up to 20 per cent — CBI surveys still list an "inadequate" return as the biggest constraint on investment — may no longer be appropriate because such expectations are now too high. Some even suggest that in spite of slack production capacity, with more than half of all UK companies still working below full strength, companies are increasingly approaching capacity constraints, which will bring investment decisions closer.

		Investment Intentions %Balance	Confidence % Balance	Capacity Utilisation % Under
1990	Q1	-8	-29	43
	Q2	-8	-22	48
	Q3	-7	-27	49
	Q4	-15	-47	54
1991	Q1	-31	-51	60
	Q2	-34	-17	68
	Q3	-30	-26	71
	Q4	-7	2	69
1992	Q1	-16	-24	71
	Q2	-10	8	70
	Q3	-9	-9	67
	Q4	-18	-23	68
1993	Q1	-7	11	73
	Q2	-8	31	63
	Q3	-3	11	63
	Q4	-1		60
1994	Q1	7	27	57

Source: CBI

Machine tool companies, bellweathers for investment, claim to be seeing signs of the return of investment in manufacturing. Stan Vaughan, president of the Machine Tool Technologies Association (MTTA), said: "Recovery in the machine tool industry is clearly taking place". The MTTA cites a range of new orders worth well into six figures apiece by a range of its members, including Traub, the 600 Group, Bridgeport, Lead Machine and Jones & Shipman.

Others, though no less hopeful, have their doubts. In a new analysis of investment patterns, the EEF grouping of engineering employers say that over the past 30 years in Britain, the average period between investment peaks has been five years; never less than four, and — until now — never more than six.

Ian Thompson, the EEF's economics adviser, said: "Six years from the 1989 peak would suggest another peak in 1995 — which almost certainly is not going to happen." However, he points to signs of increased business confidence, stronger investment intentions and a commitment to previously deferred purchases as good signs.

Perhaps, but the relationship between business confidence and investment intentions is not a close one, with optimism much more volatile. The link between either and actual capital spending, as measured by Central Statistical Office figures, is even poorer.

For industry leaders and Government ministers looking for signs of a sustained recovery that will not founder on the vagaries of consumer spending, today's CBI survey figures on investment could give a key pointer to how strongly the real economy will actually grow this year and into 1995.

But in spite of the temptations of low interest rates, low inflation and Government assurances, the real jury on industrial investment in Britain remains out.

In Wigan, Milliken will carry out its programme, and then take a hard look. In Keighley, Leach and Thompson will be keeping its belt buckled for a while yet. They are far, very far, from the only ones still to be convinced that the conditions are yet right for the return of industrial spending in the UK.

TEMPUS

Stale bunfight

MOST companies would not waste their time on a business earning returns of less than 1 per cent on capital. Put that business in a market suffering from overcapacity and you have a textbook candidate for disposal. But such short-termism is anathema to Garry Weston, chairman of Associated British Foods, whose milling and baking operations are doing a little better this year. Profits have risen from breakeven to a few million pounds from assets worth up to £400 million.

ABF is in this business for the long haul and has made a number of shrewd moves to protect its earnings while Britain's bakers slice each other up in a battle to sell more cut loaves. ABF's investment in British Sugar, acquired three years ago from the proceeds of the sale of Fine Fare, generated more than half of ABF's £147 million interim profits. Irish retailing is also beginning to turn round after a price war in which ABF's Quinnsworth achieved some sales gains.

Even so, ABF will need to run even harder to stand still this year. Tomkins, its main rival, which owns RHM, shows no sign of lying down and with food markets suffering price deflation, ABF needs to continue cost-cutting to keep profits rising elsewhere. Investment income from the group's cash pile brought in a net £50 million in the year to September but lower interest rates are depressing returns.

ABF has the balance sheet strength to buy more profits but the management has no record of spending money to flatter the profit and loss account and little incentive, given the Weston family's controlling stake. Assuming a 1p rise in the full-year dividend, the shares yield 3.4 per cent: not high enough given the battles ahead.

McKechnie

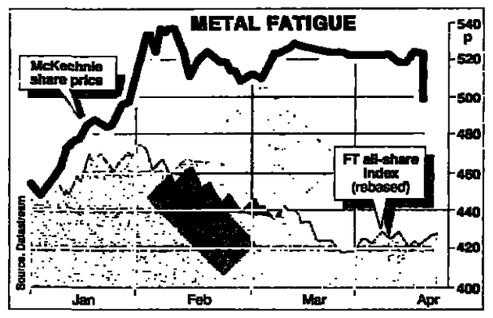
THE 5 per cent downward lurch in McKechnie's share price yesterday is a reminder that even the most successful acquisition cannot protect a company from the stock market if its traditional business hits the rocks.

McKechnie's shares have been star performers since January as the market anticipated the returns from last year's purchase of Savage, the shelving business. Savage made £3 million in the half year, £1 million higher than McKechnie's own forecasts. But the gain was devoured by a £2.1 million loss on US operations.

While most British companies are basking in the warmth of the US economic recovery, McKechnie's exposure to the defence and medical industries left it in the cold, and a series of loss-making tooling contracts made matters worse.

McKechnie should restore the US to break-even by the year-end, and its success with Savage has made the group keen on further acqusitions. The sale of La Cornubia cuts debt to £11.6 million, allowing addition to its industrial divisions.

A full-year contribution from Savage should push profits to £32 million this year, leaving the shares trading on almost 20 times earnings despite yesterday's fall. Not especially cheap while the American problems are being resolved, but dividend cover is rising close to two, so shareholders may soon be rewarded with the first increase since 1989.



Farnell

FOR a company with an unbroken 28-year growth record to protect, Farnell has had a close shave. When it discovered it had acquired a busy profit manufacturing plant inside Multicomponents' Danish business, it was able to renegotiate the deal. Next time it might not be so lucky.

Strangely, Farnell seems as keen on acquisitions as ever. The company is at pains to stress that it can pay off the borrowings from the Multicomponents deal by the end of the year, and implies that it already searching for the next target. This could be a catalogue distributor in the US or some manufacturing capacity in the Far East for its power source business.

Farnell has enjoyed astonishing success in the past three decades from the growth of its catalogue distribution business. But diversification is now taking it in several directions at once. Multicomponents not only expands the group's European presence but also increases the size of its low-margin bulk supply business. An estimated 45 per cent of Farnell's sales now come from semi-conductor distribution, an area, like the rest of the computer industry, which is prone to sudden downturns. Meanwhile, the group shows no interest in selling its peripheral manufacturing interests and may even expand them by acquisition.

All these factors increase the risks in Farnell's business, something the shares fail to recognise since, at 589p, they still trade on almost 20 times prospective earnings. That looks high enough, particularly if the group is ever tempted to fund an acquisition with an equity issue.

Siemens

THE modest rise in Siemens' interim profits might leave the group's earlier warning of a 10 to 15 per cent fall in profits for this year looking unduly pessimistic. The DM1 billion rise in sales and 8 per cent increase in orders suggests the group is being more than successful in replacing the reduction in domestic business with work overseas, while the gradually falling losses at the Nixdorf computer division are helping to offset the slowdown and greater margin pressure in telecommunications.

The figures also settled any market worries that Siemens' cash resources suffered at the start of the downturn in the world bond markets. If the group had amassed any long positions in long-dated paper, it could have suffered an unpleasant dent in its bottom line.

This is the key to the difficulty of forecasting any outturn for Siemens' figures. Last year, almost two-thirds of profits came from interest income and other financial gains. Group profits are so dependent on financial activities that they at the mercy of the world's financial markets.

The fall in bond prices has worsened the climate for financial returns in the second half. Siemens will only know by how much when it draws a line at the end of September. Until then the group is wise to play down its immediate prospects, and the financial markets are still expecting a 10 per cent drop in net profits to DM1.8 billion.

BUSINESS LETTER

There is no such thing as a free lunch

From Mr Alasdair Duguid

Sir, I read with incredulity about Lloyds Bank's proposed takeover of the Cheltenham & Gloucester Building Society. The pictures of happy depositors counting their windfalls brings back memories of the Lonrho shareholders "fainting with greed" in the 1970s, before it all went wrong.

Not one of them seems to question why an outside party is prepared to buy their acquiescence so generously. Perhaps someone should point out to the Something-for-Nothing Brigade that "There ain't no free lunch!"

Yours faithfully,
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THE TIMES CITY DIARY

Fukuda climbs Nikko ladder

HOW to win promotion if you are a woman and you work in the Square Mile is more topical than ever these days. Just ask Goldman Sachs. And if climbing the ladder in a regular firm is tough, prospects in the male-dominated world of Japanese business are virtually nil. Perhaps so, but Haruko Fukuda has pulled it off. She has just been made vice-chairman of Nikko Europe. "It's very unusual," a Nikko spokesman says. Other Japanese securities houses are pressed to recall a similar promotion. Fukuda, 47, graduated from Cambridge in 1968. She had a spell with the World Bank in Washington in the early 1970s, before turning to the City, first as an economist with Vickers da Costa and later with James Capel, where she rose to become head of the Japanese department. She was made a director of Nikko in 1988.

From risk to loss

HOLD on to your hats ... Hard on the heels of Adam Raphael's *Ultimate Risk*, the latest of many books on Lloyd's of London, comes *Significant Loss*, a racy novel about Lime Street by David Brierley, a former journalist with the *Daily Mail* and *The Sunday Times*. This one has it all: a widow who staked everything on Lloyd's, Robert Marchwood, a market legend, the Lloyd's chairman — Stephen Grote, no less — and Inspector Stewart Wilson, called in to investigate shadowy goings-on in the market. Events are triggered by a hurricane, which leads to the Government declaring a state of emergency. "You can't believe the blood, sweat and tears that goes in to writing a book," says Brierley, who spent more than two years slaving over the word-processor. He tells me his fictional chairman of Lloyd's has an obsession with clocks — something he shares with Sir Nicholas Goodison, the former Stock Exchange chairman. The book is due out next month.



Kemper tunes in

THE spheres are humming down at Kemper Investment Management, the UK arm of the Chicago-based financial services group, which has signed, as fixed income portfolio manager, one Ravi Shankar. Could this be the famed Indian sitar player and composer, pupil of Ustad Allauddin Khan, and mentor to George Harrison? Sadly, no. His 32-year-old namesake holds degrees in finance and mechanical engineering and has spent the past four years managing an international bond portfolio for the Sultanate of Oman.

Yell for Guy

ROBERT Guy, director of NM Rothschild & Son and former chairman of the London Gold Exchange, will be hoping that political luck runs throughout the Guy family. His brother, Peter, has just heard that he will be unopposed when he seeks re-election on the Island of Yell for the Shetland Council next month, and since Peter last year gained 65 per cent of the vote in a by-election, that comes as some relief. Robert, meanwhile, is prospective Conservative candidate for London West in the European elections, and faces a much more daunting task. "Peter's electorate is 660. Mine is a fraction over half a million," Robert muses ... But then when you have spent all those years at Rothschild dealing in millions, perhaps a mere half a million will seem like a walkover.

Power behind SB

THE 1,000-plus shareholders at SmithKline Beecham's annual meeting at the Barbican yesterday gave a big round of applause to Holly Wendt, whose husband, Henry Wendt, chairman, has helped Bob Bauman, chief executive, take the Anglo-American healthcare group to record profits. Wendt is stepping down in favour of Sir Peter Walters, chairman-designate, and he decided his wife deserved some recognition after all those years of support. Gleeful shareholders left laden down with a bag that included two sachets of Lucozade, 12 packets of Ribena fruit juice, two tins of Horlicks, three tubes of toothpaste and a couple of bottles of mouthwash.

JON ASHWORTH

Associated British Foods

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Lancer Boss receivers talk to four potential bidders

BY ROSS TIEMAN
INDUSTRIAL CORRESPONDENT

ADMINISTRATIVE receivers to the Lancer Boss forklift truck company are in talks with four would-be buyers, which are expected to lead to the choice of a preferred bidder for the collapsed company this week.

Two UK groups are believed to be among three bidders against Jungheinrich of Germany, to take over the manufacturing plants at Leighton Buzzard, Bedfordshire. Bob Bischoff, chairman of Jungheinrich, returns to Britain today to resume negotiations. Two UK bidders are believed to have completed due diligence enquiries and have held preliminary discussions with Jungheinrich designed to ensure continued collaboration.

The German group, already one of the world's biggest lift truck makers, won itself a head start two weeks ago when it bought Steinbock Boss, Lancer's German arm, from a German receiver for a nominal sum. The deal was struck despite the pleas of the Lancer Boss administrator, Allan Griffiths, of accountants Grant Thornton, to negotiate a joint sale of the plants.

Because production at Leighton Buzzard and at Steinbock's facilities at Moosburg, near Munich, are closely integrated, initial collaboration with Jungheinrich appears obligatory whoever buys Lancer Boss.

However, that should be made easier by a deal between Mr Griffiths, the head of corporate recovery at Grant Thornton, and Jungheinrich. Under the terms of the deal, Steinbock Boss will continue to market up to half of the Leighton Buzzard production and supply it with key components.

Komatsu, the Japanese earth-mover company for which Lancer Boss builds up to 120 forklift trucks a month, is believed to be standing aside from the fray.



Henry Elstone, left, finance director of Farnell Electronics, and Richard Hanwell, chairman, whose company found a secret in Multicomponents

Farnell wins discount over profit-rigging in acquisition

BY NEIL BENNETT

■ Farnell discovered that the Danish financial controller of Multicomponents was using a secret overdraft with another bank to pay some bills and give the impression that profits were higher

FARNELL Electronics, the components distributor, has won an $8 million discount on its acquisition of Multicomponents last December after uncovering a scheme that had fictitiously inflated profits in the company's Danish branch for the past three years.

In its initial investigation of Multicomponents, Farnell discovered that the group's Danish financial controller was using a secret overdraft with another bank to pay some of the company's bills and give the impression of higher profits. The branch had been under pressure from its head office to improve its financial performance.

When Farnell discovered the overdraft, it realised that the profits of Multicomponents, a European distributor, were $1 million less than the company had claimed. Howard Poulson, Farnell's chief executive, immediately flew to America to talk to executives from ITT, the corporation selling Multicomponents, and convinced them to reduce its price. This, combined with other reductions, means that Farnell is paying $58.5 million for Multicomponents, against the original price of $69.8 million.

The Danish financial controller resigned when the scheme was revealed, along with the operational manager and several of the sales staff. Farnell has appointed temporary management to the company and has merged it with its existing operations in Denmark.

Richard Hanwell, Farnell's chairman, said that he was not caught off guard by the manipulation of profits. "I have been acquiring companies for 25 years and you are always surprised by what you find," he said.

The affair failed to halt Farnell's continuing growth. The company has increased profits and dividends for 28 years in a row, and in the year to January 30, its profits rose 18 per cent on the back of a 26 per cent rise in turnover. The dividend is being lifted 19 per cent, to 7.4p.

The first two months' contribution from Multicomponents added £26.6 million to the group's sales, but only £400,000 to profits. Mr Hanwell said that the group is carrying out a two-year project, called Rubicon, to cut Multicomponent's staff and reorganise the business. It has set aside a £4.5 million acquisition provision to cover the cost. In spite of the costs, Farnell is expected to pay off, by the year end, all of the £22 million debt it took on during the acquisition.

Operating profits from Farnell's main distribution division rose 29 per cent, to £46.8 million, while its recovering manufacturing side more than quadrupled profits to £4.15 million. Mr Hanwell said that manufacturing still had more recovery potential, but Farnell has not decided whether to hold it or sell it in the long term.

Mr Hanwell confirmed that the group is negotiating to sell two of its smaller manufacturers, Terrafix, a maker of satellite vehicle locators, and Eurotec, an optical fibres business.

Demand for components continues to rise, Mr Hanwell said, and the company is looking at ways of sourcing, and even distributing, in the Far East. Farnell is already looking at prospective partners in China.

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How Group cuts payout as losses lighten to £2.1m

LOSSES at How Group, the engineering services and maintenance company, eased to £2.1 million before tax last year from £2.3 million through cost reductions and operating efficiencies. Losses were 3.61p a share, reduced from 3.96p in the previous year, and the dividend is again drawn from reserves, with a single final payment of 0.375p a share (0.75p).

Turnover was £133.4 million, against £135.7 million previously, but continued pressure on margins left operating losses of £480,000, reduced from £654,000. There was a £738,000 charge against losses on termination of activities and £756,000 against other reorganisation costs, compared with total charges of almost £2 million in 1992. The company said a flurry of new enquiries and orders in the first half of the year lost impetus in the second half. Orders have again started strongly in the current year but the company has reasonable expectations of the improvement being maintained.

Brandon Hire deal

INVESTORS in Brandon Hire are to be made a mandatory offer, under the Takeover Code, at 55p a share by the potential new owners of the company. The offer depends on approval of a takeover, a change in management and exchange of shares between outgoing and incoming directors. Brandon shares rose 7p to 60p. Brandon aims to buy JSL Fasteners for 3.75 million shares, and John Laycock, JSL's vendor and managing director, will join Brandon Hire as chief executive, eventually controlling 52.4 per cent of its enlarged capital.

Chefs sign venture deal

THREE chefs and a former waiter signed a joint venture deal with Grosvenor Inns, the public house operator. The four, from the Joe Allen restaurant in London's Covent Garden, are putting up about £80,000 of the £400,000 cost. Stuart Hollis, former head waiter, Adrian Doggate, former head chef, and chefs Sascha Pin and Nigel Richardson will own 20 per cent of the venture, Bar Central Ltd. Grosvenor, with 80 per cent, opens this week next to the Old Vic restaurant.

EIS progresses again

EIS Group, the specialist engineering company, overcame the worst effects of the recession to record its 23rd consecutive increase in annual profits. The company has increased the total dividend to 12.3p a share (12p) with a 9p final after profits rose to £16.2 million in 1993 (£15.1 million). Earnings were 24.9p a share, down from 26.8p. Sir Norman Wooding, chairman, said the company had expanded internally and through acquisitions.

James Dickie advances

JAMES Dickie, the engineering components maker, has restored the interim dividend, recommending payment of 1p a share in respect of the six months to February 28 after a rise in pre-tax profits to £628,000 from £250,000. Earnings rose to 6.91p a share from 3.03p. Turnover increased to £10.6 million from £7.9 million. The company has invested £520,000 in plant and machinery. Gearing was reduced and further improvement is expected by the end of the year.

Banks hand in sealed bids to buy Banesto

FROM EDWARD OWEN
IN MADRID



Conde: negligence charges

LAST night, the managing committee of Spain's Deposit Guarantee Fund was preparing to choose which of three banks would win the auction for Banco Español de Credito, trading as Banesto, after intervention by the Bank of Spain on December 28.

The successful bidder who gets Banesto's 2,322 branches, industrial portfolio and major stake in the Totta and Acores Portuguese bank, will become by far the biggest bank in Spain. Banesto claims assets of 4,900 billion pesetas (£24 billion) and deposits of 2,100 billion pesetas.

"Whoever bids the most, wins," said Luis Angel Rojo, governor of the Bank of Spain, anxious to avoid any political implications. He said any of the three contenders could acquire Banesto if they fulfilled the conditions, which include keeping the entity virtually intact for four years. He said bids of around 225 billion pesetas, or about 500 pesetas a share were expected.

Just before yesterday's 5pm deadline, the sealed bids from Argentaria, Banco Bilbao Vizcaya (BBV) and Banco Santander were delivered to the offices of Salomon Brothers, representing the fund. They were then taken to the adjudicating committee of four directors of the Bank of Spain, headed by the deputy governor Miguel Martin, and four representatives of private banks.

There has been intense speculation among analysts in Spain as to who will take Banesto over. Favourite is BBV, followed by Santander and Argentaria. But Argentaria is a state banking organisation and there would be a major political row if it won the day.

After intervention, the Bank of Spain found a "black hole" of 605 billion pesetas in Banesto's accounts and the Deposit Guarantee Fund had to inject 180 billion pesetas in order to save the bank. Now, Mario Conde, 40, the previous president, and his board face charges of criminal negligence; they in turn are suing for misappropriation.

Both Price Waterhouse, the auditor, and Bank of Spain investigators have been accused of failing to recognise the true state of Banesto. "The powers of our investigators were very limited and Banesto hid information for a long time. It was difficult to discover the real state of accounts," Enrique Fuentes Quintana, a bank of Spain director, told Spanish state radio and TV yesterday.

"The intervention was a bit late but brave. We had to take out the cancer and stop it spreading to other banks."

Refocusing Volvo sells Cardo stake

BY COLIN NARBROUGH
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VOLVO, Sweden's biggest industrial group, has sold its 43.8 per cent stake in Cardo, the investment company, for 3.7 kronor (£316 million) less than a week after Sören Gyll, the chief executive, spelled out a new strategic direction.

Mr Gyll, a survivor of the shake-out at Volvo after a planned automotive merger with Renault, of France, was called off following a Swedish shareholder revolt, said on Wednesday that he wanted Volvo to be a "streamlined" maker of cars, buses and trucks, with supplementary activities in marine, industrial and aircraft engines, and a major stake in construction equipment.

He yesterday announced the sale of Cardo to Incentive, a Swedish engineering-based investment company, yielding 2.6 billion kronor capital gain.

Incentive, which has offered 500 kronor a share for outstanding shares in Cardo, plans to sell Cardo's holdings, including its 58.2 per cent of Gambro, the highly profitable healthcare company.

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Electronics group feels German chill

Siemens figures give hope

BY COLIN NARBROUGH

SIEMENS, the giant German electronics and electrical engineering group, increased its net profit only fractionally to DM879 million marks in the first half of its current financial year, in spite of a 3 per cent increase in sales, to DM38 billion.

The first half was, however, better than the market had expected after a profit warning by Siemens last month and raised expectations of a better second half, too, especially if Germany's economy starts to recover.

Heinrich von Pierer, the management board chairman, said that 1994 had so far proved better than the stagnation that Siemens had forecast, but that profit margins remained questionable.

"I am not satisfied with our profitability and am doing everything to improve it," he said, highlighting DM1.8 billion restructuring costs last year. Siemens had solved its problems in semiconductors, he said, and was optimistic about solving problems in its computer business.

Recession in Germany was evident in the figures for the half year to March 31. Siemens saw domestic sales fall 9 per cent, to DM15.6 million, while sales outside Germany jumped 13 per cent, to DM22.4 billion, boosted by inclusion of its American lighting subsidiary, Osram Sylvania. Excluding the American unit, overall sales were flat.

Growth leaders in international sales were the components, transport and Nixdorf computer divisions, but the advances could not offset weak German demand.

Herr von Pierer, criticised by some analysts as overcautious about restructuring and too content to sit on Siemens's cash mountain, said that in infrastructure sectors in which Siemens operates it was no good looking at monthly figures. "You have to look years ahead," he said. The "Time Optimised Process" programme for raising profitability, fostering innovation and accessing new markets was "doing quite well", he said.

New orders seemed to confirm the chairman's guarded confidence about Siemens's prospects this year, showing a 9 per cent rise, to DM44.4 billion. Orders from Germany were down 6 per cent, but orders from abroad leapt 21 per cent.

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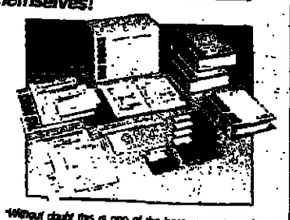
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Fund gives kick-start to firms in recovery

A FUND to help small and medium-sized businesses has been "overwhelmed with enquiries" since its launch this month (Rodney Hobson writes).

The Base Rate Recovery Fund from Close Invoice Finance will initially lend to new clients at base rate, currently 5.25 per cent, giving a saving of at least 3 per cent against bank lending.

Close Invoice Finance changed its name from Century Factors to reflect the fact that it is the factoring arm of Close Brothers, the merchant bank. It claims to be providing the first response from a leading factoring and invoice discounting company to appeals from business for cheaper finance to move out of recession.

Leslie Bland, its chairman, believes the small and medium-sized enterprises will lead the way out of recession. But he adds: "Advice and encouraging words are fine, but what they need is money. We want to help to kick-start businesses into recovery, and setting up this fund means putting our money where our mouths are. It is about time businesses were given a shot in the arm by the finance sector."

Close Brothers has established a £15 million credit line to back the fund, which will run until the middle of August, unless it is fully subscribed sooner. Allocations will be on a first-come first-served basis. Finance for the first six months will be charged at base rate and after that at a maximum 2.5 per cent above base.

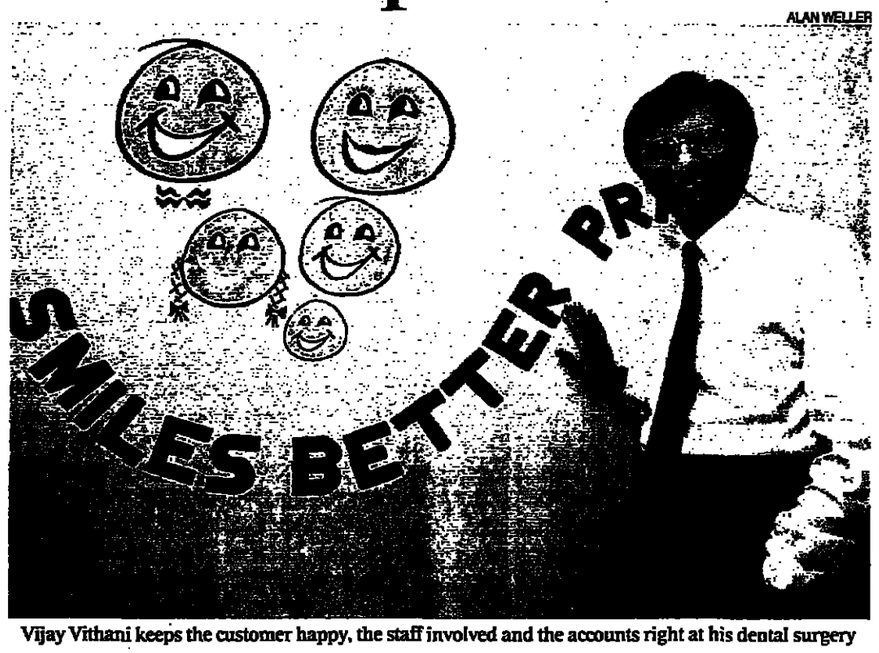
He said recent insolvency figures showed that the number of company failures was falling and that many successful company owners and managers were veterans of the 1980-81 recession and had a strong instinct for survival.

Close Invoice Finance held a series of ten "playlets" around Britain last year, with Mr Bland posing as the head of a management buyout seeking advice. The series is being repeated in breakfast seminars, but with the MBO one-year-old and looking for growth. The next venues are Brighton on May 26, Egham on May 23 and Croydon on July 20.

Details of the Base Rate Fund are available on Freephone 0800 220257. Information on the seminars is available from Jenny Smith on 0635 31517.

Dentist puts service with a smile into practice

A dental surgery is thriving, helped by strong community links, reports Rodney Hobson



Vijay Vithani keeps the customer happy, the staff involved and the accounts right at his dental surgery

Dentists, like doctors and headmasters, are no longer solely providers of services paid for out of the public purse. They must operate as small businesses, balancing spending on staff and premises against income.

Vijay Vithani, in Thamesmead, south London, knows more than most about service with a smile, having just won the customer care award from Securicor Cellular Services and the Federation of Small Businesses.

Mr Vithani set up his dental practice six years ago after six years as an associate in another surgery. He now has 6,500 patients and is attracting 80 new patients a month. He says: "I set up the practice the way I wanted it. The thing I always believe is that people buy you before they buy your services. I am very much part of the community. I was on the Thamesmead town board for six years. I live in the area. We support charity events, have open days at the practice and visit local schools."

As with any business, Mr Vithani must spend money wisely. He brought in dental design planners to lay out the empty premises he moved into above a supermarket. The floor had to be raised by 3ft to accommodate drainage from the dentist's chairs and electrical wiring. Equipment is expensive. A state-of-the-art X-ray machine that rotates round a patient's head, taking a picture from ear to ear, costs £18,000. The annual service for the dentist's chairs costs £1,200. Mr Vithani says: "It is something I have to do. The chairs will operate better and last longer."

He keeps a check on outgoings. Staff wages have risen, but he has held down the cost of supplies by buying in bulk. Where possible, he awards maintenance work to patients. He says: "If you are part of the community and benefit from it, you should put something back."

Advertising is kept to a minimum, although Mr Vithani says: "Patients do not have to come to the dentist. You have to market yourself to bring them in. We have a welcoming atmosphere and the staff are very friendly."

Close contact is kept with suppliers, whose representatives are encouraged to talk to staff about new products. The practice has three dentists and five support staff. All are encouraged to contribute ideas. Mr Vithani says: "We have a staff meeting, a huddle, every day. If there is a problem, it does not happen again. Some things cannot wait for a monthly meeting."

In spite of an increase in private patients, NHS work provides 80 per cent of the practice's income, although Mr Vithani says NHS scale fees fail to acknowledge the time that must be spent with patients.

New deal offered by BSI on quality standards

By Derek Harris

BSI Quality Assurance, the certification arm of the British Standards Institution, has introduced a new deal for small businesses anxious to gain the BS5750 quality standard registration.

It is an attempt to meet mounting criticisms of the difficulties and high costs small businesses have faced in securing registration.

What compounds the problem is that the need for small businesses to reach the standards for registration has become increasingly pressing. This is because the big companies and public sector organisations they supply are more frequently demanding BS5750 as a prerequisite for any supplier.

BSI Quality Assurance is one of a number of organisations able to register a business for BS5750, which also brings the bonus of a qualification for ISO9000, the Europe-wide equivalent standard. BSI Quality Assurance claims to register seven out of ten UK businesses for the quality standards. More than a score of organisations carry out registrations, two of the biggest being SGS Yardley and a subsidiary of Lloyd's of London.

The recast service is aimed at those where initial assessment can be done in one day. This implies a business of between one to ten employees. For £990, such a business has its initital application processed and assessment made. It costs £710 for subsequent annual assessment and management.

These are all the costs a business should now face. They represent a noticeable reduction in the average fees because on the initial application and assessment these had been running at about £1,200, while the subsequent annual assessment had been costing in the region of £1,000.

Hitherto, the costs had to be met immediately, but now payments can be spread over 12 months.

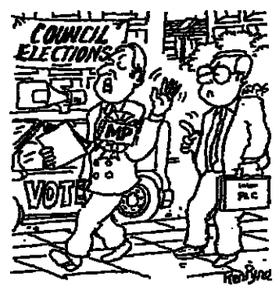
The changes have been made in the wake of a study by a BSI policy committee for small businesses. Vivian Thomas, the BSI chairman, said that the aim had been to make the benefits of BS5750 accessible to all companies whatever their size without in any way devaluing the standard or introducing a second-rate alternative.

More than 28,000 organisations have been registered to the standard in the UK and a further 17,000 in the rest of the world.

Details may be obtained from the small business service help desk of BSI Quality Assurance. Telephone: 0908 228008.



Thomas: accessible benefits



"Sorry — I only take an interest in small businesses during general elections"

SCOTLAND is to get a chain of up to 40 Business Shops to help those planning to set up in business or develop an existing company. The first will open over the next few months in the Forth valley, Glasgow and Tayside and the entire chain should be operating by the end of the year. They will be similar to the Business Link chain of one-stop shops for aid and counselling for small businesses now being opened around England. The Business Shops are being organised through a partnership including Scottish Enterprise, the economic growth agency, and Local Enterprise Companies — the Scottish equivalent of Training and Enterprise Councils.

☐ Work has started on a £700,000 small business start-up centre in the Birmingham Heartlands redevelopment area. A school in Bordesley Village is being refurbished to provide 23 workspace units. It is due to open in the autumn. Enquiries to Birmingham Heartlands Development Corporation, Suite 45, Waterlinks House, Richard Street, Heartlands, Birmingham B7 4AA. Telephone: 021-333 3060.

☐ More than a quarter of direct mail is now sent to businesses, according to quarterly figures issued by the Direct Mail Information Service. Business-to-business mailing rose by nearly a half in the last quarter of 1993, to 173 million items out of 631 million items of direct mail. The figures do not include direct mail from overseas.

☐ The North London Enterprise Club, formed in 1992 by the North London Chamber of Commerce to help new businesses in the Barnet, Enfield and Haringey areas has formed a credit union to provide members with low-cost finance.

☐ *Making Belfast Work*, a colour publication highlighting the achievements of small businesses in the city, has been brought out by the Industrial Development Board for Northern Ireland. It will be issued periodically.

☐ A free booklet to help small and medium-sized businesses to capitalise on the slow economic recovery has been produced by Moores Rowland, the accountant. *Corporate Strategy* is available from Moores Rowland, Clifford's Inn, Fetter Lane, London EC4A 1AS.

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619	507	Bass	562	...	...	4.4	15.0
298	257	Boddington	273	+1	...	3.7	15.2
400	359	Bulmer (HP)	395	...	...	3.3	15.9
193	168	Burtonwd Brw	168	...	4.7	3.0	14.0
191	142	Eldridge P 'A'	145	...	...	3.1	20.1
66	56	Fosters Brewing	59½	-½	...	4.9	69.5
497	423	Fuller Sm 'A'	436	...	7.5	2.2	18.3
556	427½	Grand Met	461	...	...	3.5	20.0
511	420	Greenalls Grp	465	-2	...	3.3	15.8
594	476	Greene King	481	...	...	3.2	13.5
542	460	Guinness	470 †	-1	...	3.4	15.2
261	230	Hardy Hanson	252	...	...	4.2	13.5
160	135	Heavitree	150	...	...	3.0	13.6
452	357	Highland Distl	401 †	+1½	...	2.1	19.0
3225	3125	Holt J	3168	+5	40.0	1.9	39.8
161	127	Macallan-Glen	144 †	+1	...	1.0	39.8
455	365	Macdn Martn 'A'	445	...	...	2.5	21.2
246	195	Mansfield	196	...	...	2.6	14.0
302	262	Marston Thmp	267	+2	...	2.6	14.9
595	545	Matthew Clark	555	+2	...	4.1	31.8
250	125	Merrydwn W	143	...	7.0	6.1	12.8
545	463	Morland	465	...	...	2.6	16.0
11	9½	Paramount	9½	...	...	2.0	17.1
267	209	Regent Inns	239	...	...	2.1	24.3
1521¼	1010	SA Breweries	1246½	+12½	...	2.2	20.6
591	510	Scot & New	533	-10	...	4.0	16.3
190	142	Taunton Cider	142	-1	6.2	5.5	11.1
306	266	Vaux Group	295	-2	...	4.0	19.0
407½	324½	Wetherspoon JD	370 ↓	...	...	2.0	24.4
617	511½	Whitbread	554	+2	...	4.1	13.3
599	493	Wolvrhmptn D	548	+2	...	2.9	15.4
550	493	Young 'A'	529	...	14.7	3.5	21.9

BUILDING, ROADS

1994 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
305	155	Abbey	170	...	...	1.5	27.9
27	18	Albrighton	21	+1	...	0.6	...
200	149	Allen	181	...	...	3.5	41.0
164	118	Amec	139 †	+½	...	2.7	16.8
454	333	Ashtead	397	...	...	1.5	26.5
165	109	Attwoods	114	+1	...	5.6	...
363	309	BPB Ind	315	-2	...	3.0	37.7
127	93	Baggeridge Brk	134	...	...	3.2	37.3
41	36	Bailey (Ben) Con	37½	...	...	2.4	∞
80	65	Barcom	65	...	...	5.8	7.8
60	47	Barden	48 †	+½	2.0	5.2	∞
292	214	Barratt Devs	238 †	...	...	2.6	25.6
304	230	Bellway	241	-1	...	3.1	22.7
59	46	Bellwinch	50	...	...	...	...
244	125	Beristord Intl	243	-1	...	...	...
573	476	Berkeley Gp	488	-2	...	1.6	26.3
150	118	Bett Bros	180	+8	...	1.4	23.2
93	60	Blockleys	69 †	-2½	1.0	1.8	∞
391	314	Blue Circle	314 †	-2½	...	4.5	27.8
355	277	Boot (Henry)	328 †	+2½	6.5	2.5	∞
117	69	Breedon PLC	94 †	...	4.6	6.1	∞
154	130	Br Dredging	145 †	...	5.6	4.8	∞
98	78	Brit Fittings	86 †	...	2.0	2.9	∞
197½	149	Bryant	163 †	...	...	3.7	24.8
145½	111½	CALA	125 ↓	+5	...	2.5	...
409	349	CRH	388 †	+1	...	2.4	∞
70	31	Cakebread Rby	48	...	...	...	...
42	27½	Costain	33	...	...	...	9.8
185	152	Countryside	156	+1	...	3.3	34.6
120	90½	Crest Nicholson	109	+1	...	2.5	∞
140	103	Cussins	121	...	3.0	3.2	∞
28½	19	Edmond Hldgs	28½	...	0.3	1.3	...
340	273	Epwin	335	...	...	2.8	21.7
82	57	Erith	75 †	-½	1.0	1.7	...
473	435	Eve Group	453	...	...	2.8	17.1
60	41	Galliford	46	+1	...	2.7	...
112	87	Gibbs & Dandy	106	...	2.5	2.0	∞
1026	913	Gleeson (MJ)	970 †	+3½	...	1.6	16.9
218	195	Graham Grp	209	-1	...	2.8	20.0
169	139	Heywdn-Stuart	164 †	+½	2.9	2.2	∞
53	46	Hewetson	53	...	...	2.9	39.1
473	383	Heywd Wlm	411 †	...	...	4.0	27.4
145	122	Higgs & Hill	136 †	-½	...	2.3	...
34	27	How Gp	32	+1	...	3.0	∞
32	20	Howard Hldgs	21	...	0.5	2.7	...
100	80	Ibstock Johnsen	81 †	+½	1.0	1.5	∞
25	16	Jarvis	22	...	...	...	...
428	305	Laing (J)	361 †	...	0.0	3.1	∞
164	122	-do- 6½% Cv Pf	137½	-½	...	5.8	...
145	115	Ln Clydeside	135	+5	...	4.4	26.5
173	105	Lovell (YJ)	125	...	...	...	...
405	332	Manders	360 †	...	...	3.5	19.0
213½	154	Marley	167 †	-3	...	3.1	27.3
155	128	Marshalls	136	...	...	3.7	...
253	196	Maunders (J)	243 †	...	...	3.7	23.4
330	240	McAlpine (A)	278 †	+16	...	2.9	36.6
76½	50½	McCarthy & S	65 †	+2	...	1.0	...
569	476	Meyer Int	485	-3	...	2.6	48.6
185½	97½	Mowlem (J)	107 †	+2	...	2.3	...
252	150	NSM	235	-5	...	...	...
48	36	Needler	36	...	...	...	...
196	164	Newman Tnks	164 †	-1	6.2	4.7	∞
379½	283	Persimmon	291 ↓	-1	...	3.9	26.1
20	9	Phoenix Timber	16	...	...	...	...
1800	1450	Pochins	1509½	...	29.0	2.4	21.4
196	172	Prowting	172	...	3.4	2.5	...
1079	916	RMC Gp	941 †	-5½	...	2.8	28.4
116	84½	Raine Ind	85	-1	...	2.9	18.4
40	23	Ramus	30	...	...	...	...
640	534	Redland	541 †	-1	...	5.8	32.7
88	70	Roskel	88 †	+4	4.3	6.1	...
371	288	Rugby Group	300 †	...	...	2.8	30.3
84	50	Sytfid-Bre	60 †	+½	0.5	1.0	∞
164	159½	Sharpe & Fisher	158 †	...	...	1.3	∞
286	249	Sheffield Insl	260 †	+1	...	2.6	20.9
278	233	Sherriff Hldgs	269	...	...	1.7	25.6
150	94	Shorco	136 †	+½	5.2	4.8	∞
245	218	Smart (J)	218	...	...	4.9	16.4
5	2	Starmin	3½	...	...	...	...
26	16½	Tarmac	18½	+1	5.5	3.7	...
257	192	Tay Homes	213 †	+1	...	3.5	22.9
183	134	Taylor Woodrw	156 †	-6	1.5	1.2	∞
750	620	Tilbury Dougls	701	-3	33.0	6.1	∞
70	36	Torex Hire	50	-2	...	1.5	...
350	300	Travis Perkins	312 †	+1	...	3.2	25.2
29	16	Trencherwood	24	...	...	...	...
40	21	Tt Group	26 †	...	...	2.4	∞
45	31	Tudor	37	...	...	...	...
115	90	Vibroplant	96 †	+1	2.5	3.3	34.2
74	52	Ward Hldgs	70	...	...	...	...
45	35	Waterhouse	40	...	...	...	...
545	450	Watts Blake	510	...	12.0	3.0	∞
225½	192	Westbury	196	-1	5.0	3.2	30.6
[illegible]	3½	Wiggins	6½	...	...	...	...
571	464	Wilson Bowdn	465 †	-1½	...	2.5	17.5
250	185	Wilson (C)	205	...	4.1	2.9	∞
245	180	Wimpey G	197 †	-4	...	3.3	29.4
51	30	YRM	[illegible]	...	...	...	...

BUSINESS SERVICES

1994 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
[illegible]	533	ADT	640	...	...	...	...
[illegible]	253	Adam & Harvey	438	...	11.0	3.7	6.0
[illegible]	[illegible]	Air London	71	...	1.5	6.2	12.7
[illegible]	44	Alncan Lakes	53 †	...	...	1.2	...
[illegible]	[illegible]	Aude Sec	110	+1	...	6.9	∞
[illegible]	120	BET Ord	121½	-4½	...	2.3	4.0
[illegible]	115	BNB Res	120 †	+1	4.9	3.6	∞
[illegible]	[illegible]	BPP	[illegible]	...	...	5.8	13.8
[illegible]	[illegible]	BSM	165	...	...	4.4	14.0
[illegible]	[illegible]	Barbour Index	210	...	8.1	4.9	14.3
[illegible]	1	Black & Edge	1½	...	...	...	...
[illegible]	[illegible]	Bourdon	[illegible]	...	0.7	4.0	...
[illegible]	[illegible]	BPI Data Mgt	177 †	-2	4.9	3.5	12.0
[illegible]	[illegible]	Broadcastle	25 †	...	...	4.6	12.0
[illegible]	[illegible]	Brooks Service	67 †	+1	1.5	2.8	∞
[illegible]	[illegible]	CRT Gp	108 †	...	...	3.4	19.5
[illegible]	[illegible]	Capita Group	230 †	+1	2.5	1.4	∞
[illegible]	[illegible]	Castel Plc	51	...	...	2.2	19.6
[illegible]	[illegible]	Chiltern Capital	25½	...	...	...	...
[illegible]	[illegible]	Chrisur	88	...	...	...	...
[illegible]	[illegible]	Chubb Sec	394	-1	...	1.7	23.8
[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	116	-2	...	1.6	29.9
[illegible]	41	Corp Services	57 †	+1½	0.2	0.5	∞
[illegible]	[illegible]	Coutts Cnslig	92½	...	...	...	...
[illegible]	142	Dart	160	-1	7.3	2.6	21.7
[illegible]	[illegible]	Davis Service	241 †	+2½	...	4.1	17.0
[illegible]	[illegible]	FW Farts	131 †	...	4.7	4.5	∞
[illegible]	[illegible]	Gardiner	25½	...	...	1.6	11.4
[illegible]	[illegible]	Hays	301 †	-2	...	2.4	23.4
[illegible]	[illegible]	Hogg Robinson	201	...	...	3.2	19.0
[illegible]	[illegible]	Holmes Protectn	[illegible]	...	...	...	2.0
[illegible]	[illegible]	Hutch Whamp	242	...	...	1.7	21.3
[illegible]	[illegible]	ISS B DKr	2061½	+0½	...	0.9	12.9
[illegible]	[illegible]	Inchcape	591 †	-13	...	3.4	18.5
[illegible]	[illegible]	Johnson Clean	477 †	...	27.0	3.5	∞
[illegible]	4	Lep	5½	...	...	...	...
[illegible]	[illegible]	Mite Gp	365	+3	4.0	1.6	25.2
1481	1296	Manpower	1249½	-12½	...	...	...
[illegible]	[illegible]	Michael Page	177	+1½	...	1.4	∞
[illegible]	[illegible]	Pennax	100	...	8.0	0.2	4.1
[illegible]	[illegible]	Proudfoot	60 ↓	-½	...	6.3	...
[illegible]	[illegible]	RCO	388	...	15.2	4.9	13.1
[illegible]	[illegible]	RLA	110	...	...	2.0	2.1
[illegible]	[illegible]	Reed Executive	177	+2	1.0	0.9	∞
[illegible]	[illegible]	Reliance Secs	115	...	4.5	1.6	30.2
[illegible]	[illegible]	Rentokil	227 †	-3	2.5	1.6	∞
[illegible]	[illegible]	Rolfe & Nolan	308	...	...	3.0	21.1
[illegible]	[illegible]	Salvesen (C)	261	...	...	3.8	17.3
[illegible]	[illegible]	Sam Pickford	48	...	11.8	2.1	15.2
[illegible]	9	Select Appts	17½	...	...	...	...
[illegible]	[illegible]	Serco Gp	284	-5	...	1.5	∞
[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	115	-25	...	1.9	...
[illegible]	[illegible]	Sketchley	121	...	...	1.1	27.7
[illegible]	[illegible]	Warner Howard	335	...	6.0	2.5	17.5
[illegible]	21	Wetpac	28	...	...	...	...
[illegible]	[illegible]	Wills Gp	26½	...	...	2.0	18.5

CHEMICALS, PLASTICS

1994 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
253	231	Allied Colloids	230	+1	...	2.0	24.9
[illegible]	958	Amersham	1020	-2	...	1.7	29.4
[illegible]	[illegible]	Anglo Utd	2½	-½	...	...	...
[illegible]	[illegible]	BASF DM	£125½	+2½	...	3.5	...
[illegible]	308	BTP	345	+1	...	1.4	27.7
[illegible]	£129	Bayer DM50	£154	-0½	...	2.8	...
165	125	Blagden	132	...	1.5	1.4	14.2
[illegible]	[illegible]	Brent Chems	132 †	-½	...	4.1	...
[illegible]	[illegible]	Br Bio-Tech	425 †	-2	...	...	...
[illegible]	[illegible]	Card Gp	8½	...	...	...	23.6
[illegible]	151	[illegible]	192 †	-2½	7.2	5.0	∞
[illegible]	470	Courtaulds	545	-2	...	3.3	13.6
[illegible]	322½	Croda	370 †	-2	...	2.5	18.9
[illegible]	107	Deeflex	128 †	...	4.6	4.5	∞
[illegible]	227	Ellis & Everard	251	...	...	3.5	21.9
[illegible]	35½	Laro Colour	45½	...	0.8	2.4	21.8
[illegible]	337	Halstead (J)	341 †	...	...	2.5	15.9
[illegible]	174	Hickson	217 †	...	...	4.6	20.9
[illegible]	[illegible]	Hoechst	£134½	+84½	...	2.7	...
215	157½	Holliday Chem	213 ↓	+2	...	2.3	∞
[illegible]	[illegible]	ICI	832 †	+3	...	4.1	67.2
842	722	Laporte	797 †	+7	...	3.2	21.6
[illegible]	190	Leigh	190	...	...	4.9	17.5
[illegible]	48	MTM	70	+6	...	4.5	...
2300	1912½	Norsk Hydro	2234½	+53½	...	1.4	∞
[illegible]	461	Patterson Zoch	518 †	-10	...	3.1	13.6
[illegible]	410	-do- 'A'	488 †	-10	...	3.3	12.8
[illegible]	215	Plysu	220	...	...	4.0	18.7
[illegible]	[illegible]	Porvair	347	...	...	1.5	26.0
[illegible]	54	Sutcliffe Speak	56	...	...	...	...
491	419	Wardle Storeys	418 †	-5	...	5.2	21.9
[illegible]	570	Wolstnhlme R	653 †	...	...	3.4	10.8
483	390	Yorks Chem	427	+1	...	2.4	20.2
336	258	Yule Catto	336 †	+6½	6.2	2.3	∞
869	681	Zeneca	688 †	...	...	5.0	13.8

DRAPERY, STORES

1994 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
80	42	Alexon	43	...	...	...	...
248	203	Allders	223	+1	...	3.4	16.6
410	339	Argos Plc	366 †	-2	...	2.7	19.6
11½	6	Ashley Group	6½	...	...	3.6	...
102	72	Ashley (Laura)	90	+1	0.1	0.1	∞
387	305	Asprey	321	...	5.2	2.0	20.7
200	176	Austin Reed	198 †	+1½	...	3.5	...
168	145	Beattie (J) 'A'	149	+2	...	5.1	15.0
190	110	Bentalls	132	...	2.0	1.9	∞
165	121	Betterware	125	-2	...	2.1	15.0
44	36	Blacks Leis	41	...	2.2	6.9	...
261½	215	Body Shop	216	-3	...	1.0	27.9
12½	2½	Brown & Jackson	6½	...	...	...	...
491	420	Brown (N)	464	...	...	2.0	27.3
74½	51	Burton	51½	-1½	...	4.9	70.9
245	190	Cantors	191	+1	...	2.6	26.6
520	390	Church	395 †	...	...	4.1	22.7
171	148	Clinton Cards	155 †	...	4.7	3.8	∞
287	225½	Coats Viyella	235 †	-5	...	4.3	20.5
120	63	Colourvision	63	-2	5.6	11.1	11.3
170	157	Cray Casuals	167	...	...	3.3	∞
903	843	Courts Furnish	845	...	3.0	0.8	10.6
210	155	Crown Eyes	175	...	7.5	5.4	12.0
137	92½	Dairy Farm Intl	100½	+5½	...	3.9	∞
122	97½	Dewhirst (I)	118 †	-½	1.4	1.5	∞
287	193	Dixons Grp	201	-3	...	3.9	...
11½	7½	ERA Gp	8½	...	...	...	...
580	530	Elys (Wimbldn)	580	+15½	17.0	3.7	∞
284	217	Essex Furn	251	...	...	1.9	40.2
286	217	Etam	245	+1	7.5	3.9	∞
556	497	Fine Art Dev	498	...	13.0	3.3	16.2
90	46	Fired Earth Tiles	50	...	...	...	...
715	680	Formfinder	710	...	14.5	2.6	12.9
155	124	French Conn	150	+5	...	...	...
73	66	Gent SR	66 †	...	...	4.3	20.3
114	85	Goldsmiths Gp	111	...	...	1.2	∞
663	558	GUS	600	-6	...	2.4	18.6
31	21	Hampden Grp	23	...	...	5.4	...
82	51	Hartstone	55	-2	...	...	...
110	88	Heritage	88	...	...	...	...
91	68	Honeysuckle	70 †	...	...	4.5	10.3
211	173	Jacques Vert	175	...	...	2.5	13.4
788	544	Kingfisher	597	-9	...	3.2	∞
88	74	Lesly Wise Gp	74	...	...	6.8	15.6
565	525	Liberty	545 †	+2½	7.2	1.7	∞
380	327	Lloyds Chem	327 †	...	...	3.0	10.8
184	158	MFI	159½	-5½	...	3.0	72.5
460½	403½	Marks Spencer	429	-5	...	2.4	21.9
680	569	Menzies (John)	634	...	...	2.2	16.5
325	238	Moss Bros	325	+46	7.0	2.7	∞
251	214	Next	224	-7	...	3.1	12.7
70	39	Oliver (G)	40	-1	...	...	74.2
335	255	Oriflame Intl	275	...	...	4.5	13.5
37	22½	Pentos	27½	...	...	...	...
266	225	QS Hldgs	225	-3	5.1	2.9	∞
46	33	Rhino Grp	34	-1	0.5	1.9	∞
394	176	Rosebys	188 †	...	4.6	3.1	∞
180	130	Sherwood Gp	140 †	...	...	2.6	∞
132	113	Sears	131½	+3	...	3.3	52.9
41½	23½	Signet Group	41	...	...	...	...
549	484	Smith WH 'A'	496	-8	...	3.8	16.0
127	115	-do- B	120½	...	...	3.1	19.4
21	11	Specialeyes	14	...	...	...	...
252	212	Storehouse	212	-6	...	3.9	21.0
198	146	T & S Stores	182 †	+1	...	4.2	13.5
173	135	Tie Rack	141	-2	1.7	1.6	∞
265	234	Time Products	234	...	7.7	4.1	20.2
132	111	Usher (Frank)	118	+2	6.0	6.4	12.8
465	384	Vendome	445	-7	...	1.7	20.7
44	34	Vivat	41 †	...	1.3	3.8	∞
70	42	WEW Group	43	-1	...	1.8	31.4
49	42	Wensum	47	+5	1.8	5.0	...
129	102	Wickes	110	-1	...	1.1	26.2
80	54	Wid of Leather	84	...	...	...	...
195	175	Wyevale	181	...	4.4	3.0	∞
2½	2	Xtra-vision	2½ #	...	...	...	...

ELECTRICALS

1994 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
187	137	ACT Group	173	...	...	3.6	17.4
269	248	Acala	268 †	...	...	3.1	20.3
558	478	Admiral	558 †	...	...	1.4	20.5
190	163	Alba	173 †	...	...	3.5	19.7
42	34	Alphameric	37	...	...	...	...
50	31½	Amstrad	33½	...	...	1.9	...
105	73	App Holo	93	...	...	...	...
39	27	Arlen	28	...	...	...	...
94½	80	Astec	87 †	...	...	1.1	21.5
271	242½	Azlan	264	+3	...	1.4	31.4
283	239	Beales Hunter	265	...	...	4.5	16.4
4½	2½	Bennett & Fount	2½ #	...	...	...	...
478	393	BICC	448 †	+6½	...	5.4	32.8
535	470	Blick	502	...	...	2.5	18.5
1100	750	Borland	850	...	...	...	...
380	325	Bowthorpe	329 †	+2	...	2.6	18.6
456	380½	BT	383	-8	...	5.3	19.5
367	262½	BT P/P	265½	-6½	...	5.2	18.2
20	14½	Bulgin (AF) 'A'	15½	...	0.1	0.8	...
79	58	Burnfield	70 †	+2	...	4.5	54.4
543	424	Cable Wireless	460	-4	...	2.1	24.0
35½	24	Chloride	34½	...	...	...	...
276	268	CML Micro	276	...	4.7	2.1	20.1
182	105	Comptr People	178	...	1.5	1.1	∞
202	159½	Cray Elect	184	+2	...	1.2	17.9
447	414	Critchley	414	...	...	1.4	23.8
560	482	Delta	525 †	...	...	3.5	21.4
643	446	Denmans El	640	...	...	1.2	20.6
538	400	Domino	473	...	...	2.1	20.3
96	71	Dowding Mills	78 †	...	...	4.0	26.2
1635	1230	Druck	1445	+40	10.3	0.9	29.0
589	506	Electrocomponents	513	...	...	2.0	28.9
199½	178	El Data Prc	179	...	...	1.3	15.3
175	133	Electron House	143	+2	...	2.4	20.5
35	21	Emess	30½	...	0.1	0.4	∞
405	359½	Eurotherm	398	...	...	1.5	27.0
213	183	FKI	199	...	...	2.1	29.1
656	546	Farnell Elect	580	+1	...	1.6	23.6
75	63	Feedback	64	...	...	3.9	8.7
336	286	First Tech	305	+1	...	0.8	25.4
282	215	Forward Gp	241	...	4.0	2.1	17.0
36½	14½	Forward Tech	35 †	+½	...	0.9	75.8
353½	288	GEC	313	-4	10.4	4.2	15.6
191	159	Graseby	160 †	...	...	5.2	14.8
14½	11	Graystone	13½	...	...	0.9	...
48	39	Hilcare	43	...	0.5	1.5	...
193	149	Ind Control	155 †	...	...	3.7	13.8
388	333	Jones Stroud	333	...	...	3.4	13.4
141	99	Kalamazoo	118	...	2.7	2.9	27.4
14	9½	Kembrey	10	...	0.1	1.9	...
396	349	Kenwood App	357	...	...	2.7	30.6
298	221	Kewill Syst	253	+1	...	...	...
165	116	Kode	116 †	...	...	0.5	16.6
35	19	Laser-Scan	23	+1	...	...	...
148	95	LIMS	99	...	0.7	0.9	14.0
300	255	Lec Refrig	270 †	...	...	4.2	...
171	126	Life Sciences	131 †	...	...	3.7	13.8
314	270	Logica	283 †	...	...	1.8	32.6
52	47	LPA Inds	48	...	...	6.8	...
216	199	MR Data Mngmt	208	+5½	...	3.3	23.2
790	638	Macro 4	640 †	...	...	3.8	19.2
281	210	Memvir-Swa	222	+2	...	2.2	19.5
1138	795	Micro Focus	808	+10	...	...	7.7
178	145	Microgen	148	...	...	6.1	14.9
38½	31	Microvitec	34½	...	...	...	...
548½	478	Misys	488 †	+2	...	1.9	18.2
494	234	Mitel	242	-1	...	...	...
178	143	MMT Comp	173	+2	...	2.0	23.6
42	22½	Molynx	23	...	1.3	7.1	...
310	250	MTL Inst	310 †	...	...	1.7	20.0
141	141	Mulitone Elec	141 †	...	3.5	3.1	25.6
148	128	Murray Ent	134	-1	...	1.9	...
2746½	2300	NYNEX	2396½	-34½	...	...	...
128	84	Neotronics	97	...	...	3.4	16.9
55	50	Newmark (L)	55	...	...	...	...
371	279	Norbain	343	+3	...	0.5	26.4
68	47	Northamber	68	+2	0.6	1.1	...
9½	7	Oceonics	7½	...	...	...	...
358	290	Oxford Inst	291	...	4.6	2.0	20.0
87	62	P & P	70 †	-1	...	3.7	16.8
98	77½	Peek	82 †	-½	...	5.2	14.0
235	184	Pegasus	193	+3	...	3.3	20.9
£105	9750	Philips Fn 4%	£105	...	...	5.5	...
2021½	1400	-do- Lmp nv	1912½	-49½	...	0.9	8.9
440	330	Phonelink	426	-23	...	...	...
440	293	Pifco	334 †	...	...	1.6	28.0
330	281	-do- 'A' Voting	324 †	...	...	1.7	27.2
94	70	Plasmec	88	...	...	3.0	4.4
121	100	Pressac	115 †	...	...	2.8	23.5
268	181	Psion	268 †	+3	...	1.3	28.3
240	187	Racal Elect	230	-1	4.2	2.3	13.7
50	33	Radamec	36	...	...	5.2	7.7
31	27	Radius	30	...	0.4	1.9	∞
118	73	Real Time	105	+1	...	1.6	21.6
577	507	Sage Gp	561	+1	...	2.2	17.2
350	310	Sanderson Elec	323	...	9.9	3.8	13.8
89	72	Scantronic	73	...	3.1	5.4	20.0
212	162	Scholes Grp	200 †	...	...	3.2	20.8
408	310	Senna Gp	408	+1	...	1.0	24.5
270	250	Servomex	260 †	-1	...	3.1	29.1
49	41	Silvermines	44	...	...	2.8	...
94	63	Soundtracks	76	...	...	3.9	19.1
3118½	2365½	TDK	3031½	-15½	...	1.0	34.5
19	11	TDS Circuits	12	...	...	...	...
170	100	Telemetrix	100 †	-4	1.0	1.2	∞
292	191	Telspec	262	...	...	1.2	33.0
1165	979	THORN EMI	1134	-12	...	3.5	26.3
196	133	Thorpe FW	188 †	...	...	1.9	16.8
43	24	Total Systems	35	...	1.5	5.4	6.2
303	230	Tunstall	288	+3	...	1.5	20.6
324	25½	Unitech	321	...	...	2.4	54.6
16	12	Verity	12	...	...	...	...
31	22	Vistec	27½	...	0.3	1.7	16.2
637	49½	Vodafone	522	...	...	1.8	22.7
483	444	Volex	456	-1	18.1	5.0	18.7
31	20	Western Selectn	29	...	0.2	1.1	...
395	265	Wholesale Ftgs	324	...	11.7	4.5	34.4

ELECTRICITY

1994 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
717	556	East Midlands	558	-13	...	4.6	9.9
729½	600	Eastern Elect	600	-16	...	4.2	11.4
477	337	Hydro-Elect	337	-11	...	4.4	11.5
737½	565	London Elect	572	-9	...	4.7	10.8
850	663	Manweb	672	-20	...	4.1	8.4
767	590	Midlands Elec	598	-11	...	4.5	9.4
505	429	National Power	434	-5	...	3.2	10.7
801	625	Northern Elec	631	-12	...	4.5	8.2
301	209	Nthn Ireland	218	-2	...	3.7	11.3
906	627	Norweb	637	-13	20.8	4.1	9.1
582	491	PowerGen	484	-7	...	2.9	12.7
496	396	Scottish Power	399	-10	...	4.0	13.3
435	300	Seeboard	308	-17	...	4.2	9.6
825	623	Sth Wales	633	-10	...	4.6	9.7
743	567	Sth Western	576	-19	...	4.6	8.5
745½	578	Southern Elec	580	-21	...	4.5	7.7
729½	569	Yorkshire Elec	574	-13	...	4.6	10.8

FINANCE, LAND

1994 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
57	51	Aitken Hume	52	...	1.0	2.4	11.0
165	117	BWD	117	...	4.0	4.3	19.3
118	[illegible]	Balne Plc	107 †	...	...	1.8	11.9
215	175	Blotec Inv	178	...	...	...	...
757	623	Caledonia	680	...	...	2.8	25.3
2500	1900	Camellia	2450	...	...	1.5	[illegible]
363	318	Candover	328 †	...	...	4.2	...
465	367	Goven	385	-2	...	4.9	7.8
250	189	Ivory Sime	217	...	...	4.0	18.7
428	245	Johnson Fry	248	-2	...	...	...
245	193	Lon Forfaitng	185	...	...	6.3	11.6
87	77	Marakin	77	...	...	...	...
29½	8½	Nat Home Loan	19	+2½	...	...	0.4
59	53	Newmarket	56	...	...	...	...
365	308	Rathbone Brs	308 †	+4½	...	3.0	16.2
29	21½	Rutland Tst	26½	...	...	4.1	13.4
400	370	3 i	370	-1	10.2	3.4	13.7
114	85	Singer & Fried	92 †	+½	...	4.1	11.8
1260	1063	Sothebys	1130	+12	...	1.4	...
188	131	SJP Capital	149	...	3.0	2.5	61.5
224	203	Towry Law	211	-1	...	2.7	20.7

FINANCIAL TRUSTS

1994 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
2300	1856½	Amer Express	1987½	-6½	...	...	...
229	184	Gartmore	192	...	...	2.8	22.3
1208	938	Henderson Ad	938	-7	...	5.6	21.6
251½	166	Invesco	179 †	+1½	...	2.4	19.1
317	214½	Jardine Strat	264½	-1	...	3.2	∞
321	260	MAI	269 †	-3	...	3.2	14.6
770	588	MAM	588	-1	16.0	3.4	14.7
1243	914	M & G	914	...	...	3.4	19.1
496	343	Smith New Ct	358	+12	...	2.4	3.5
65	34	Trio Hldgs	35	+1	...	8.9	11.3

FOODS

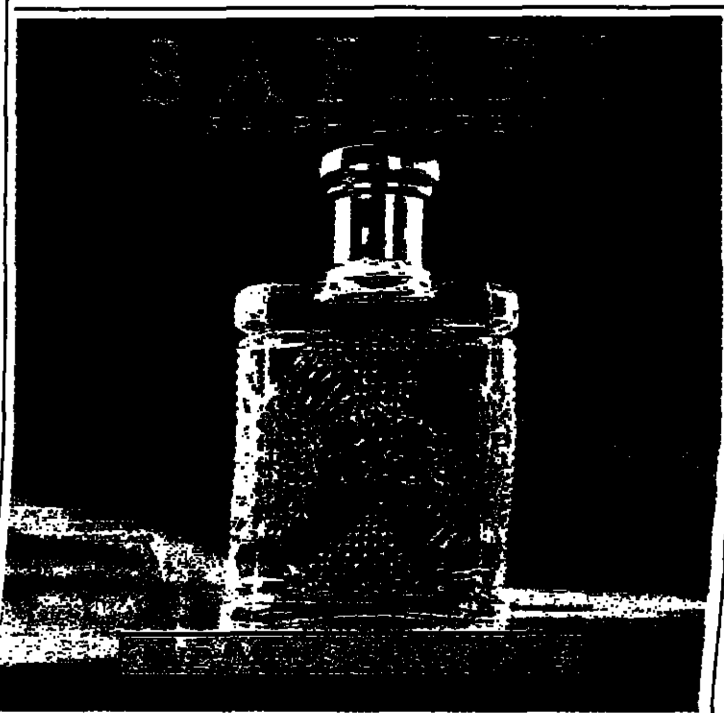
1994 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
607	541	AB Food	583	-15	...	3.3	11.3
66	54	ASDA Group	55	-½	1.6	3.8	...
368	319	Acatos & Hutch	321	...	...	3.1	11.8
74	56½	Albert Fisher	57 †	...	...	8.5	12.2
306½	222½	Argyll	228	-1	...	6.3	8.2
270	220	Banks (S C)	253	...	9.0	4.4	9.6
358	305	Barr (AG)	320	...	...	2.5	20.6
72	56	Benson Crp	60 †	+2	...	5.0	19.9
481	402	Booker	406 †	-3	...	6.7	∞
36½	48	Borthwick	53	...	...	2.8	65.8
505	460	Brake Bros	460	...	6.8	1.9	∞
43	27	Budgen	28	...	...	5.8	8.5
545	482	Cadbury-Schw	466 †	-2	...	3.9	15.8
232	143	Carrs Milling	187	...	...	2.9	13.6
167	135	Cranswick	138	...	...	7.2	13.0
17	13	Cullens	13	...	0.5	4.8	37.3
154	90	Dalepak	109	...	...	5.7	31.8
543	440	Dalgety	447 †	+2	...	5.6	13.1
87	50	Daniels S	77 †	...	...	0.5	∞
294	244½	Devro	258 †	...	...	2.7	∞
101	60	Everest	75 †	+1	...	6.2	14.3
393	358	Farepak	393	...	5.9	1.9	24.2
8½	6	Farringford	6	...	...	...	...
85	70	Finlay (James)	80	+1	...	6.5	26.6
105	94	Fyffes	102	...	...	1.7	17.5
371	227	Geest	227	-1	8.1	4.5	∞
20½	14	Global	17 †	+½	0.5	3.7	∞
68	46	Grand Central	47	...	0.8	2.1	...
194	137	Hazlewood Fds	145	+2	...	5.6	8.2
199½	159	Hillsdown	167 †	-½	...	6.6	13.4
211	147	Iceland Group	158 †	-2	...	3.0	10.1
111	100	JLI Group	106	...	...	5.5	11.7
656	556	Kwik Save	556	-2	...	4.1	10.0
193	138	Low (Wm)	145 †	+½	...	7.2	5.1
113	85	Matthews (B)	96 †	...	...	3.3	15.3
18	10½	Merchant Retail	10½	...	0.9	11.3	21.5
128	99	Morrison (W)	120 †	-1	...	1.0	∞
246	226	Nichols (JN)	228 †	...	...	3.2	15.2
271½	205½	Nthn Foods	218	-1½	...	4.9	10.7
13	9	Nthmbrn Fn	11	...	...	...	...
232	180	Nurdin Peack	222	...	...	3.7	12.3
124	89½	Park Foods	119	...	...	2.3	27.5
81	64	Perkins Food	69 †	...	...	8.1	∞
141	111	PizzaExpress	126	+2	...	0.5	26.6
5½	2½	Regina Hlth	3½	+½	...	...	...
480	342	Sainsbury J	349	+3	...	3.7	12.2
96	73	Sentry Farm	85 †	...	2.2	3.3	∞
122	79	Sims Food	79	...	...	10.3	15.2
467½	395	Tate & Lyle	425	...	...	3.8	11.4
254	200½	Tesco	202 †	+1½	...	4.8	9.2
198	162	Thorntons	179 †	...	...	2.7	...
229	145	Treats	214	...	...	2.3	17.4
434½	346	Unigate	386	+1	...	5.3	12.7
388	334	Utd Biscuits	337 †	-2	...	5.7	14.3
21	18	Usborne	19½ #	...	...	3.4	14.4
422	279	Watson & Phil	371	...	...	4.8	15.5
49	34	West Trust	38	-1½	...	8.9	...

HOTELS, CATERERS

1994 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
34	26	Abrtn Stk H	34	...	...	...	...
94	79	City Centre Rest	83 †	+½	1.7	2.7	∞
285	232	Forte	237 †	+½	...	4.0	39.1
207	174	Friendly Hotels	183	-2	5.7	4.0	∞
168½	142½	Jurys Hotel	148	+½	...	4.3	12.0
217½	162½	Ladbroke	187 †	...	...	4.0	51.9
109½	83	Mandarin Ortl	86	-1½	...	4.0	∞
31	18½	Ryan Hotels E	24½	+1	...	5.2	∞
1135	790	Savoy Hotel 'A'	1125 †	+3½	3.5	0.4	∞
92	60½	Stakis	90½	-1	...	1.4	∞

INDUSTRIALS

1994 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
66	36	AAF Inds	45	...	...	34.4	2.8
544	439	AAH	448	+2	...	4.9	14.9
185	140	AIM	174	...	...	5.4	21.3
138	116½	APV	133½	...	...	5.1	...
197	157	ASW	197 †	+2	...	3.8	...
202	172	Adwest	192 †	+3	...	4.8	20.6
20½	16	Aerospace Eng	16	...	...	5.9	77.9
312	258	Airsprung	258	...	...	2.2	16.5
225	192	Alendra W	224 †	+2½	5.6	3.1	∞
12	6½	Allied Radio	6½ #	...	...	...	...
330	283	Alumasc	312	...	...	2.4	17.4
72½	39	Alvis	69	...	...	1.8	12.4
745	705	Amber Ind	705	...	...	3.4	16.1
68	45	Amberley Gp	50	...	1.0	2.5	...
81	73	Amgen	74	...	...	...	...
95	68	Andrews Sykes	91	...	...	4.1	...
1785	998	Antofagasta	1285 †	-3	...	1.6	∞
62	48	Armour	53 †	...	...	3.9	12.3
175	168	Ash & Lacy	171 †	...	...	4.7	20.7
6	3½	Ass Br Eng	5	...	...	1.3	45.4
625	474	Avon Rubber	599	...	...	3.4	22.1
300	265	Assoc Nursg	288	...	...	0.4	17.7
553	490	Atlas Equip	533 †	+5	22.0	5.2	∞
95	66	Ayrshire Metal	90 †	+½	1.5	2.1	∞
236	192	BBA	226 †	+1	...	4.1	...
145	115	BLP Group	145 †	...	1.0	0.0	∞
44	24½	BM Gp	40½	...	...	...	...
745	627	BOC	665	-13	...	4.4	26.2
86½	62	BSG	80½	...	3.2	5.0	∞
578	531	BSS Group	531	...	...	4.1	29.6
399	344	BTR	387 †	-3	...	4.0	20.1
176	148	BWI	157 †	-½	...	5.3	19.8
45½	29½	Babcock	37	-1	...	4.1	22.1
11	6½	Bailey (CH)	6½	...	...	...	...
270	228	Baird (Wm)	241	+1	8.9	4.7	∞
487½	368½	Barlow	437½	-6½	...	7.5	8.0
81	64	Baynes (Charles)	76 †	+2	...	2.7	20.8
25½	19½	Bearing Power	23½	+½	...	4.0	14.9
35	23	Beauford	25	...	...	...	...
38	28	Bedford (W)	34	...	...	...	...
18½	13	Benson Group	13½	...	...	2.8	10.2
393	300	Bespak	315	...	10.2	4.0	9.8
91	66	Bibby (J)	78	-3	...	3.5	...
226	200	Biliam (J)	212 †	...	...	3.1	13.2
32	26	Bilston Bursea	27	...	...	...	...
10	3½	Binsec Ind	5½	...	...	...	...
283	243	Birkby	286	...	3.7	1.8	13.8
44	30	Black Arrow	38	-1	2.1	6.9	11.9
283	248	Black (Peter)	249 †	...	3.8	2.0	19.5
863	543	Bluebird Toys	715 †	-5	...	2.8	7.5
329	262	Bodycote	297	...	5.2	2.2	∞
40	33	Bogod 'A'	36	...	0.7	2.4	13.4
601	504	Boots	539	-3	...	3.2	21.3
60	43	Booth Inds	44	...	...	...	...
524	430	Bowater	433 †	+1	...	3.6	16.4
1643½	1381½	Bowater Inc	1415½	-6½	...	...	...
297	257	Boxmore Ind	271 ↓	-2	...	1.8	17.3
20	15	Brayway	17½	...	...	...	...
333	288	Brammer	330 †	+1	13.0	4.9	∞
31	22	Bridgend Gp	24	...	0.4	...	...
163	120	Bridon	147	...	...	3.5	∞
82	74	Bridport-Gndry	80 †	...	...	3.5	...
57½	45½	Brierley Inv	50½	-½	...	6.7	12.5
235	190	Br Bldg & Eng	220 †	...	...	4.5	18.6
124	94	Br Bloodstock	95	...	...	...	...
515	435	Br Polythene	450 †	+2½	...	3.2	15.8
56½	121½	Br Steel	148	-2½	...	1.3	...
176	120	Br Thornton	130	...	...	4.8	13.5
298	244	Br Vita	288 †	...	...	3.2	24.2
182½	137½	Bruton Grp	159 †	-3	...	1.4	∞
931½	779½	Broken Hill	804½	-5	...	2.3	36.4
125	90	Bromsgrve Ind	109	...	...	5.0	14.2
18½	9½	Brooke Tool	14½	...	...	...	...
71	46	Brown & Tawse	58	+2	...	...	...
186	154	Bullough	167	+2	...	4.5	73.0
16	11½	Business Tech	12	...	...	...	...
22	14	CI Group	16	...	0.5	4.5	15.4
54	35	Campbl & Arm	40	-½	...	...	...
39	29½	Cannon St	35	...	...	...	...
488	408	Canrah Pharms	462	...	...	...	...
273	254	Cape	273	...	...	4.8	18.5
398	343	Caradon	362 †	-3	...	3.0	27.2
215½	170	-do- pf	176 †	-2	7.2	5.1	...
293	252	Cardo Eng	258	-1	...	4.2	19.2
10	6½	Care UK	7	...	...	...	...
2446½	1940½	Carnaud Md	2009½	+62½	...	2.3	∞
104	80	Cassidy Bros	87	...	...	3.4	21.1
251	220	Castings	247	+1	4.6	2.3	17.4
66	42	Cathay Intl	42	...	...	...	...
233	213	Celltech	217½	...	...	...	...
195	170	Chamberlin Hill	185	+5	6.5	4.4	11.6
812	716	Charter	719	...	...	3.9	11.0
360	305	Chemring	313	...	...	3.6	16.2
60	46	Chieftain Grp	50 †	-3	...	8.8	10.0
52	38	Chillington	48	...	1.0	2.6	...
246	205	Christies Int	205 †	-1	...	1.2	∞
80	60	Claybithe	60	...	...	5.2	...
150	55	Clayton Son	127	...	...	...	...
455	403	Cohen (A)	455	...	3.4	0.9	...
297	242	Commnwlth H	274 †	...	...	3.3	15.6
263	211	Concentric	233	...	...	3.1	19.3
310	274	Cook (Wm)	284	...	6.0	2.6	17.2
354	233	Cookson	270 †	...	...	2.9	29.1
110	81	Copymore	90	...	4.0	5.6	∞
167	147	Crowl Hsr 'A'	163	...	...	4.4	22.1
157	109	Cosalt	145	...	...	4.6	...
285	243	Creighton Nt	245	...	7.4	3.6	17.6
44	37	CrestaCare	39 †	...	0.7	2.4	∞
4125	3550½	Daifa	3612½	...	...	...	...
388	284	Danka Bs Sys	326	...	...	0.6	30.8
290	244	David Brown	286	...	...	2.6	20.3
1021	848	De La Rue	920	-7	...	2.6	22.2
52	36½	Dinkie Heel	46	...	...	1.9	11.8
625	537	Diploma	540	-4	...	2.8	21.6
97	74	Dobson Park	74	...	...	0.3	16.8
134	105	Dyson (J&J)	106	...	5.0	5.0	19.5
97	78	-do- 'A'	78	...	5.0	8.0	14.3
10	13	EFG	15	+1½	...	...	...
442	373	EIS	426	-8	12.3	3.7	∞
25	15	Elbief	21	-2	...	...	...
53	45	Elecro	47	...	...	...	...
3534½	2300	Electrolux 'B'	3239½	+66½	...	1.6	∞
91	69	Elliott (B)	79	...	...	...	...
548	488	Eng China Cl	489 †	-4	...	5.1	28.5
146	125	Environmed	136	...	...	...	...
3190½	2737½	Ericsson 'B'	2943½	-21½	...	1.3	26.2
86	56	Eurocopy	59	+3	...	3.7	17.1
86	60	Expamet	82 †	...	...	3.8	58.1
778	669	Fairey Group	721 †	-2	11.8	2.0	∞
145	109	Fenner	137	...	...	...	...
110	82	Ferraris Group	105	-1	...	2.4	15.4
14	7	Ferrum	8½	-½	...	...	...
78	56	Fife Indmar	63 †	...	...	5.5	9.3
156	117	Fisons	148 †	...	...	3.6	...
60	41	Fitzwilton	53	...	...	8.3	...
288	203	Flogas	278	...	...	3.8	13.7
51	38	Folkes Group nv	47	...	1.5	4.0	26.7
126	94	French (Thomas)	119	...	...	3.8	25.5
264	220	Frost Group	237 †	...	4.9	2.6	∞
87	77	GEI Intl	85	...	...	3.6	...
613	510½	GKN	612 ↓	-1	...	4.2	36.7
69	49	GR Hldgs	64 †	...	...	3.5	...
134	91	Garton Eng	123	...	...	4.7	32.4
191	139	Gestetner	149	+1	...	2.5	...
66	49	Gleves	60	...	...	...	43.4
725	554	Glaxo	554	-21	...	5.4	13.2
46	35½	Glenchewton	43	...	...	...	...
404	332	Glynwed	377	+½	...	3.9	27.1
191	125	Goode Durrant	189	+1	...	3.6	...
185	156	Grampian Hd	156 †	...	3.5	4.4	∞
598	519	Granada	565	-5	...	2.0	21.9
687	452	Great Sthrn	472 †	+1½	12.2	3.2	∞
85	74	Green (Ernst)	74 †	...	...	11.8	13.5
15½	13½	Greenacre	13½	+½	...	3.0	∞
6	6	Guardian Grp	6 #	...	...	...	...
84½	61	Hadden MacLn	67 †	...	...	3.8	...
114	90	Hadleigh	114	...	1.0	1.1	...
76	64	Halkin Hldgs	64	...	...	...	50.0
320	258	Hall Eng	258	...	...	4.6	14.8
256	219	Halma	228	-6	...	1.2	28.6
71	47	Hampson Ind	63	...	1.7	3.4	20.8
302	257	Hanson	263½	-4	...	5.4	24.5
161	135	Harris (Philip)	135	...	...	6.3	8.2
220	186	Harrison Crsfld	190 †	-1	...	5.9	22.2
179	121	Havelock Euro	177	...	2.0	1.4	∞
48	36	Hay (Norman)	38	...	...	...	...
50	33	Headway	35	...	...	2.5	...
511	376	Hepworth	384 †	-3	...	4.8	20.0
205	154	Hewitt (J)	175 †	-½	3.2	2.3	∞
73	52	High-Point	57	...	0.5	1.1	...
184½	152	Hill & Smith	158	...	...	4.5	18.2
28	16	Hobson	27 #	...	...	...	...
191	172	Holders Tech	184 †	...	6.0	4.1	∞
63	39	Hopkinsons	59	...	0.9	1.9	44.6
216	176	Hornby	189 †	...	...	6.0	17.3
103	78	Howden	97 †	...	...	2.9	15.5
280	234	Hozelock	240	...	...	3.1	17.1
265	209	Hunting	209 †	...	...	6.0	55.9
512	448	Huntigh Tech	500	+2	...	1.0	33.1
379	326	IMI	355 †	-2	...	3.5	29.7
138	119	ISA Intl	131 †	...	1.6	1.6	∞
165	125	Intercare Gp	127	...	...	3.4	12.1
325	284	Isotron	310 †	...	4.4	1.8	17.4
710	409½	Jardine Math	450½	-4½	...	3.3	∞
628	534	Johnson Matth	621	-2½	...	2.1	24.2
51	37	Johnson & FB	42	...	...	4.0	40.0
170	149	Johnson	169	+5	2.0	1.5	∞
32	26	Jones Shipman	28	...	...	...	...
36	27½	Jourdan (T)	32	...	1.0	4.0	∞
187½	148½	Kalon	184 †	+1	...	2.9	18.6
280	230	Kelsey Ind	274	...	...	3.6	...
805	730	Kershaw (A)	765	...	...	4.4	39.4
276	213	Kleeneze	213	...	...	0.6	68.9
436	341	Laird	432 †	+2½	...	3.1	20.3
170	145	Lilleshall	158 †	-1	...	3.6	17.2
220	205	Lincat	217	...	...	3.6	15.3
51	30½	Lincoln Fhse	43	+5	...	...	21.9
150	95	Linread	148 †	+½	...	3.3	33.5
383	313	Linton Park	383	...	...	5.1	∞
14	9½	Lionheart	9½	...	...	4.0	21.1
20½	16½	Locker (T) A	16½	...	0.8	6.4	24.0
173	103	Lon Intl	103	-2	6.2	7.6	...
175½	129	Lonrho	145	-½	...	3.4	71.5
431	364	Low & Bonar	428 †	...	...	2.9	19.7
49	42	ML Hldgs	43	...	...	...	...
67	55	MS Intl	58	...	...	5.4	35.6
70	45	MY Holdings	61 †	...	...	3.1	14.7
271	223	Macfarlane	232 †	...	...	2.1	21.1
530	469	McKechnie	500	-24	...	3.7	23.7
127	105	McLeod Russel	110	...	...	6.9	16.2
104	91	Magnolia	93	...	0.1	0.1	∞
163	129	Mang Bronze	147 †	...	...	3.0	16.6
26	19½	Marling	20	...	...	5.3	...
231	182	Mayborn	194 †	+3	...	3.7	13.5
64	53	Mayflower	54 †	...	...	3.1	∞
167	132	Medeva	141 †	-6	2.7	2.4	∞
128	96½	Meggitt	107 †	+½	...	4.6	∞
124	116	Metalr	124	...	4.0	4.1	∞
128	103	Metrotect	112	...	...	3.6	15.6
128	99	Metseca	128	...	2.0	2.0	∞
124	95	Midstates	104	...	...	0.9	14.5
584	548	Molins	584 †	+2	...	3.3	11.8
408	360	Morgan Cble	373 †	-½	...	4.2	19.0
217	176	Morris Ashby	213	...	5.7	3.3	16.1
51	34	Nerpsend	40	+1	1.0	3.1	53.3
80	65	Nestor-BNA	70 †	...	...	3.6	15.7
274	214	Nobo Gp	267	...	5.3	2.5	26.4
212½	156	Norcros	157	-2	...	5.6	22.9
35	31	Novo Group	32	...	...	4.3	10.3
64	48	Oafi Intl	55½	...	...	3.9	...
175	160	PCT	170	+1	7.2	5.3	19.3
88	66	Pacer Systems	81 †	...	...	5.4	28.3
43	31	Pastors	35	...	...	...	...
123	84	Pentland	93	...	...	4.3	43.0
310	220	Photo-Me	225	-1	4.7	2.6	13.5
206	177	Pilkington	205	-1	...	1.6	...
110	88	Plansbrook	88 †	...	3.4	4.8	∞
185	141	Polypipe	165 †	...	...	1.6	21.1
25	16	Porter Chadburn	23	...	...	2.2	10.5
341	239	Powerscreen	239	-14	...	3.6	12.4
23½	18	Prospect Inds	18½	...	...	5.5	10.6
77	56	RPS Group	63 †	...	2.4	4.8	∞
108	82	Radiant Metal	100	...	...	...	...
174	143	Ransco Oil	159	+7	1.0	0.8	53.2
447½	377	Rank Org	430	+½	...	3.6	23.4
30	13	Ransomes	20	...	...	...	...
723	595	Reckitt Colm	640 †	-1	...	3.4	16.0
95	70	Record	83	...	...	5.6	18.1
9½	3½	Reece	4½	+½	...	...	...
291	245	Relyon	248 †	...	...	2.6	45.3
308	268	Renishaw	280 †	+1	...	2.9	35.2
153	126	Renold	144	...	...	1.5	...
539½	439½	Reuters	518 †	-13	...	1.6	28.0
88	74	Rexmore	85	...	2.0	3.0	...
201	163	Ricardo Group	164 †	...	...	4.5	18.3
73	68	Richard (Leics)	69	+1	3.7	6.8	...
104½	82½	Richardson West	94 ↓	+2	...	4.3	18.6
170	130	Ropner	170	...	...	6.2	16.7
164	126	-do- 'A'	162	-2	8.2	6.6	∞
24	15	Rose Gp	20	+½	0.4	2.5	∞
195	170	Rotork	178 †	...	...	3.0	∞
170	145	Rubicon	145	...	...	3.7	18.3
75	62	Russell (A)	74 †	...	...	3.0	∞
38½	34½	SEP Indl	36	...	...	2.8	16.7
1340½	1087½	SKF 'B'	1250	-9½	...	...	...
272	230½	Scapa	243	-1	...	2.9	18.1
210	180	Scholl	184 †	...	...	4.3	14.9
291	242	Scottn	279	...	...	...	...
1291	1146	Securicor	1203	...	...	0.3	35.5
1036	863	-do- 'A'	848	+1	...	0.4	25.0
892	733	Security Serv	750	...	...	0.9	28.6
150½	89½	Senior Eng	139½	+½	...	3.1	∞
336	312	Senra Health	313	...	...	2.4	14.5
178	138	Shiloh	178	+15	3.0	2.1	19.2
354	300	Skiaw	354	+3	...	3.7	17.5
630	559	Siebe	617	-5	...	2.1	21.8
378	280	Silentnight	299	...	...	3.3	16.2
168	137	Sime Darby	164 †	+5	...	2.9	18.1
130½	75	Simon Eng	121 †	+1½	...	...	...
244	186	Sinclair (Wm)	220	+1	...	4.0	17.8
60	35	Sts Hundred	60	...	...	3.1	...
159½	136½	Smith & Neph	143½	+1	...	4.3	15.9
443	357½	SmithKline	370	-6	...	3.7	14.5
407	322	Smithkline Uts	340	-6	...	4.0	13.1
527½	454	Smiths Ind	504	-2	...	3.0	20.0
85	75	Soho Bus	85	...	...	5.5	4.4
600	466	Spandex	600	...	...	1.5	18.6
660	420	Spear (JW)	630	...	...	3.9	10.6
430	337	Spirax-Sarco	430 †	+1	...	2.9	20.9
81½	50½	Spring Ram	58½	+1	...	1.1	∞
267	201	Staveley	211	+1	...	5.0	11.9
242	197	Sterling Ind	226	...	...	3.3	34.6
220	180	Stater	191 †	-10	...	6.0	16.9
604	447½	Swire Pacific 'A'	486	-4½	...	2.1	∞
4½	2½	Sycamore	3½	...	...	...	...
56	48	Sykes-Pick	51	+3	2.6	6.7	∞
178	168	Syltone	168	...	...	3.6	24.3
455	382	TI	413 †	-12	...	3.4	23.7
44	31	TLS Range	35 †	+½	0.5	1.8	∞
389	330	TT Group	389 †	...	...	2.1	∞
292	230	Takare	259 †	...	2.0	1.0	22.6
852½	656	Takeda Chem	789½	-16½	...	0.8	15.0
61	36	Tex Hldgs	50	...	...	...	...
101	92	Tinsley (E)	92	...	...	7.6	15.9
220	217	Titmus	220	...	...	2.4	18.3
283	234	Tomkins	246	-1	...	3.4	18.1
124	93	Trafalgar H	99½	-1½	...	4.1	...
105	68	Transfer Tech	81 †	+2	3.3	3.1	∞
163	130	Triplex Lloyd	137	...	...	6.4	10.5
318	272	UniChem	278 †	...	6.5	2.9	∞
440	365	Unidare	370	...	...	2.8	20.1
54	34	Unigroup	40	...	...	...	...
1267	1006	Unilever	1075 †	-7	25.0	2.9	∞
8118½	7009½	Unilever (NV)	7446½	+134½	...	2.8	∞
18½	12	Utd Inds	16	-1	...	...	...
1095	888	VSEL	980	...	...	3.9	10.8
31½	14½	Venson	19½	...	...	...	...
196	172	Vickers	188 †	-1	...	2.0	23.6
327	264	Victaulic	306 †	+2	...	3.3	16.8
522	451	Vinten	511	+2	...	1.9	16.5
805	661	Vosper Thorny	777	...	...	2.6	18.0
49	37	WSP Hldgs	49 †	+1	...	4.6	36.1
525	451	Wagon Ind	522	...	...	4.2	23.0
5	1½	Wakebourne	3½	...	...	...	19.1
114	97	Walker Greenbk	106	...	3.3	4.0	∞
304	254	Wassall	290 †	-2	...	1.5	25.1
59	44	Wrdsd Wdgwd	58	+1	...	...	...
365	308	Weir	348 †	...	...	2.3	∞
704	508	Wellcome	513 †	-2	...	5.1	10.0
38	22	Wellman	28	+½	0.9	3.0	62.0
400	319	West Hldcare	336	...	...	1.4	21.6
548	465	Whatman	521 †	...	...	2.4	18.5
264	217	Whessoe	224	...	...	4.6	10.6
119	93	Whitecroft	118	...	...	...	...
17½	10½	Widney	10½	...	...	...	...
191	120	Wilkes (James)	176	-5	...	1.1	∞
421	365	Williams Hldg	384 †	-2½	...	4.2	20.7
53	39½	Wilshaw	45½	...	...	1.5	28.7
975	830	Wolseley	886	-5	...	2.1	21.4
155	155	Wood (Arthur)	155 †	...	...	2.4	31.2
53	40	Wyko	51	...	...	1.2	...
96	70	Young (H)	88	...	...	4.7	...



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1994 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
1493½	987½	Alex & Alex	987½	-12½	...	6.7	...
2043½	1725	Am Gen	1743½	-62½	...	4.4	...
86	55	Archer	64	...	...	2.0	...
165	133	Bradstock	134	...	...	5.1	15.1
550	430	Britannic	437 †	-4	15.7	2.9	∞
117	99	CLM Insce	101	...	...	...	...
711	563	Com Union	571 †	-1	...	5.4	21.2
1950	1675	Dom & Gen	1915 †	...	...	1.6	25.3
64	42	FAI	46	...	...	1.1	...
194	164	Fenchurch Grp	164	-2	...	5.5	14.6
757	589	Gen Accident	589 †	-5	...	3.8	11.9
247	175	GRE	183 †	-3	...	5.2	2.5
457	371	Heath C E	379	-1	...	5.3	...
257	122	Hogg Gp	255	-2	5.6	2.8	∞
323	266	Independent Ins	266 †	-2	8.2	3.9	∞
203	174	JIB Group	192 †	...	...	4.9	17.5
547	452	Legal & Gen	470 †	-5	...	5.3	16.4
1353½	975	Liberty Life	1177½	+12½	...	2.7	18.6
119	99	LIMIT	100	...	...	...	...
471	383	Lloyds Abbey	404 †	-3	...	5.6	13.0
310	269	Lloyd Thomp	283 †	...	7.1	3.1	17.6
443	372	Londn & Man	375 †	-1½	...	5.2	18.3
472	427	Lowndes Lmb	427	...	14.0	4.1	15.3
5787½	5337½	Marsh McLn	5825	-162½	...	3.2	...
188	147	Nelson Hurst	176	-1	...	4.0	17.6
131	112	Odel	123	...	...	3.2	∞
83	71	PWS	75	...	...	6.7	13.9
385	302	Prudential	319 †	-4	...	5.2	15.2
404	321	Refuge	334 †	-1	...	4.2	24.6
350	253	Royal	255 †	-4	...	3.7	11.6
222	176	Sedgwick	196 †	...	...	3.8	22.1
155	105	Steel Burrill	143 †	+1	...	7.9	∞
87	68	Sturge Hldgs	68	...	...	5.5	57.7
418	314	Sun Alliance	331 †	+2	...	5.6	15.1
96	79	Trade Indemnty	79 †	-1½	...	0.8	17.6
464	398	Transatlantic	383 ↓	...	...	3.9	35.0
673	540	Utd Friendly	540 †	-10	16.5	3.8	∞
245	207	Willis Corroon	230	...	...	3.6	20.4
28	21½	Windsor	26	...	...	...	20.4

INVESTMENT TRUSTS

1994 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
2058	1782	Alliance	1813 †	-5	...	3.2	...
479	428	Anglo & O'seas	433	-3	...	2.1	...
161	146½	BZW Conv	151	+1	7.8	6.5	...
219	190	Bankers	193½	-1½	...	2.4	...
381	335	Baring Tribune	342	...	...	2.4	...
348	198	Berry Starq	236 †	...	1.2	1.2	∞
120½	98½	Br Assets	100	-1½	...	5.3	...
98	90	Br Empire Sec	94	-½	...	1.2	...
46	31	-do- Wnts	37	...	...	...	...
234	200	Br Inv	206	-1	4.6	2.8	...
272	236	Brunner	237	...	...	2.8	...
221	199	Contl Asset	200	-1	...	1.9	...
161	147	Derby Inc	159	...	...	12.4	...
325	228	-do- Cap	310	...	...	...	...
100	90	Drayton Blue	98	...	8.4	10.7	...
111	84	-do- Eng Ind	92	...	1.0	1.4	...
156	128	-do- Far Eas	145	...	...	0.6	...
177	137	-do- Korea	147	...	0.5	0.4	...
784	686	Dunedin Inc G	699	-1	...	4.7	...
108	85	-do- Japan	100½	-1	...	...	...
80	45	-do- Warrants	67	-6	...	...	...
827	759	-do- Wwide	781	-2	...	1.5	...
341	301	Dundee & Lon	313	-1	...	3.6	...
360	303	Edinburgh	312	-2	8.5	3.4	...
354	299	Elecra Inv	310	-1	...	2.8	...
220	193	Electric Gen	199	-1	3.1	2.0	...
127	116	English Scot	118	...	...	...	...
345	311	European Asset	311 †	-1	...	1.8	...
172	146	Finsbury 'A'	156	-1	3.0	2.4	...
343	297	Fleming Amer	297	-2	...	0.6	...
145	90	Fleming Chinese	91	...	...	...	...
92	51	-do- Warrants	53	...	...	...	...
267	220	-do- Claver	234½	...	...	...	...
385	334	Do Contl	354	...	2.7	1.0	...
264	223	-do- Emp	220	-1	...	2.6	...
459	327	-do- F East	355	-2	1.1	0.4	...
422	365	-do- Fledg	393	...	...	1.0	...
120	102	-do- HI Inc	105	...	...	3.2	...
279	225	-do- Japan	272	-3	...	0.2	...
347	294	-do- Merc	305 †	-1	6.7	2.7	∞
347½	295	-do- Overs	297½	-3½	4.2	1.8	...
159½	134	Foreign & Col	140½	-½	...	1.6	...
148	106½	-do- Emg Mkts	112	-2	0.2	0.3	...
77	67½	-do- Enterprise	69½	...	0.6	1.1	∞
259	236½	-do- Eurotst	252	...	...	0.6	...
145	121	-do- German	128	-1	0.5	0.5	...
374	316	-do- Pacific	343 †	-½	2.2	0.8	∞
192	174	-do- Smaller	181½	-1	1.8	1.3	...
303	247	GT Japan	282	-3	...	0.6	...
220	175	Geni Cons Cap	190	...	...	...	...
115	105	-do- Inc	110	...	...	9.9	...
191	168	Govett Am Smlr	168	-1	...	...	...
151	101	-do- Emg Mkts	111	...	...	...	...
112	91	Govett High Inc	95	-1	...	7.0	...
429	380	-do- Oriental	380	-1	0.9	0.3	...
346	279	-do- Strategy	282	-2½	...	3.0	...
475	423	Greenfriar	465	-1	...	1.8	...
19	19	Gresham House	19	...	...	...	...
105	91	Herald	102	...	...	...	...
158	132½	Inv Cap	154	...	...	4.8	...
119	102	I&S UK Smllr	104	...	2.8	3.4	...
243	205	Kleinwort Chrt	215	-1	...	3.0	...
272½	238	-do- O'seas	243 †	-2	...	1.7	...
165	138	-do- Smlr	149 †	-1	...	2.9	...
826	714	Law Debenture	732 †	-1	...	3.3	...
227	205	Majedie	205	...	...	3.0	...
324	270	Merchants	271 †	-2	...	5.1	...
89	85	Mercury Euro Pv	86	+1	...	...	...
125	103	-do- World Mng	104½	-1	...	...	...
52½	35	-do- World Wt	36	...	...	...	...
2987½	2312½	Merrill Lynch	2375	-18½	...	...	...
595	519	Monks Inv Tst	536	-2	...	1.6	...
158	142	Morg Gren Inc	143	-1	...	3.9	...
64	46	Do Warrants	52	+1	...	...	...
94	87	Do Latin Amer	89½	-1	...	...	...
50	30	Do Warrants	48½	-½	...	1.0	...
148	128	Murray Ent	134	-1	...	...	...
£280	£245	-do- Pf 1994	£250	...	...	...	...
58	38	-do- Warrants	38	-1	0.2	0.6	∞
68	56½	Murray Euro	61 †	...	...	...	...
23½	16	Do Wts	17	-2	11.3	4.0	∞
393	348	Murray Incme	357	-1	...	4.1	...
395	339	-do- Intl	356 †	-1	...	1.2	...
548	437	-do- Small	400	-4	...	15.1	...
97	82	-do- S/C Inc	86	...	...	...	...
174	138	-do- S/C Cap	147	...	...	3.0	...
3400	3150	-do- S/C Uts	3375	...	...	...	...
160	153	-do- S/C DP	155 †	-½	...	4.2	...
383	324	-do- Vent	328 †	...	8.7	10.7	...
95	78	Nwthmg Inc	79 †	-2	...	1.1	...
401	359	O'seas Inv Tst	371	-1	...	...	...
241	193	Do Warrants	200	-3	...	0.3	...
640½	433	Pacific Assets	502	...	...	...	...
542	335	Do Warrants	408	...	...	...	...
9400	8675	Personal Assets	9000 †	...	19.0	2.6	...
189	170	RIT Cap Ptnr	175	...	1.1	0.8	...
127	114	River & Merc	119	...	...	9.7	...
449	425	Robeco	449	...	...	2.8	...
463	430	Rolinco	448	...	...	1.7	...
343	290	St Andrew Inv	331 †	-1	...	2.9	...
183	162	Scot American	165½	-½	...	3.6	...
368	256	Scott Asian	276	+1	...	...	...
1020	753	do Warrants	763	...	...	...	...
97½	82½	-do- Eastern	85 †	-1	...	2.3	...
262½	221	Scottish	228	-1½	...	2.7	...
264½	217	-do- Mtge	228	-1	4.0	2.2	...
133½	116½	-do- Value	125	...	...	1.8	...
1795	1583	Second Allnce	1600	-4	...	3.1	...
106	92	Secs Tst of Scot	92½	-½	3.2	4.4	...
179	164	Selective Asset	164	...	...	1.1	...
51½	43½	Sphere Inv	47½	-½	...	8.9	...
205	149	TR Far East	173	...	...	3.8	...
177½	145	TR City Of Lon	152 †	-1	...	4.0	...
124½	98	TR Pacific	98 ↓	...	...	0.2	...
43½	34½	TR Property	39	...	0.9	2.9	...
152	127	TR Tech Inv	134	...	1.7	1.6	...
228	197	TR Smlr Cos	201	-½	...	2.4	...
412	349	Temple Bar	354	-1	...	4.8	...
135	105	Thrmtn Asian E	109	...	0.5	0.6	∞
101	70	Throgmorton	81	-½	...	3.5	...
533	460	Throg Dual Cp	490	...	...	...	...
289	245	USDC Invest	249	...	...	2.3	...
129	114	Value Inc Tst	116	-½	4.0	4.3	...
257½	226	Witan	228	-1½	...	3.2	...

LEISURE

1994 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
586½	472	Airtours	480	-4	...	3.5	16.4
46½	25½	Ald Leis	26	...	...	14.4	5.5
177	163	Alpha Airpt	172	+2	...	2.9	∞
668	428	Anglia TV	652	...	...	1.8	30.3
131	85	Baldwin	108	...	...	4.1	14.2
333	267	Barr & W 'A'	305	...	...	4.1	13.4
1425	1155	Boosey Hwks	1425 †	+31	25.0	2.2	∞
205	133	Border TV	145	...	3.6	3.1	11.8
6½	4½	Brent Walker	4½	...	...	...	...
148	100	Bristol Scots	120	...	...	...	...
7½	5½	Buckingham Int	5½	...	...	...	...
74	44	Campari	46	...	...	...	...
439	328	Capital Radio	425	...	...	1.7	37.5
2047	520	Carlton Comm	924	-12	...	2.5	21.1
307	248	Castle Comm	285 †	...	...	3.9	18.0
3130	2910	Central TV	2925	...	39.0	1.7	31.9
163	114	Chrysalis	161	...	3.2	2.5	...
374	328	Compass Gp	329	-8	...	2.4	18.4
285	232	Eurocamp	267	+5	9.7	4.6	11.0
457½	346	Euro Disney	377½	+1	...	3.1	...
4	2½	Euro Leisure	3½	...	...	...	...
419	308	Fairline Boats	370	...	...	3.5	34.8
350	281	First Leisure	322	...	...	2.5	21.8
478	340	Flextech	340	...	0.5	0.2	...
1033	675	GWR Gp	1008	+3	...	1.1	36.5
303	228	Grampian	251	...	6.5	3.2	17.4
22	15	Greenwich Comm	16	...	...	...	...
161	106	HTV Group	131	+2	1.0	1.0	∞
96	62	Hi-Tec Sports	90	+4	...	3.1	...
18½	11½	Kunick	15½	+1	...	...	...
752	605	LWT Hldgs	735	-2	...	0.8	34.0
702	539	Man Utd	690 †	+8	...	3.6	27.8
51	34	Northern	45	...	...	...	8.7
130	81	Owners Abrd	118	+1	...	3.7	...
89	70	The Pelican Gp	89	+1	1.1	1.5	20.9
183	173	Prism Leisure	173	...	3.5	2.5	16.1
43	34	Quadrant Grp	34	...	...	...	...
245	203	Ramsdens (H)	244	+4	...	2.3	35.1
628	395	Scot Radio	552	+12	...	2.2	34.6
574	438	Scot TV	438 †	+1½	12.4	3.5	∞
40½	28½	SelectTV	31	+1	...	...	...
118	65	Southern Radio	116	...	...	1.3	51.4
350	266½	Stanley Leisure	316	-7	...	2.1	25.6
153	125	Sunset & Vine	131 †	...	3.5	3.3	20.0
345½	280	Tanjong	280	...	...	1.1	∞
2½	1½	Ticketing	2	...	...	...	19.6
99	75	Tottenham Hot	90	+7	...	2.8	34.4
182	85	Trans World	166	...	1.3	1.0	60.3
760	518	Ulster TV	600 †	...	15.0	3.1	∞
149	112	Vardon	137 †	-2	1.1	1.0	∞
375	150	Yorkshire TV	299	+2	...	1.4	...
126	110	Zetters Gp	125	...	8.0	8.0	14.1

MINING

1994 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
3675	2509½	Ang Am	2950	-12½	...	2.2	24.8
2225	1762½	Ang Am Coal	2225	+6½	...	4.2	11.5
6518½	4593½	Ang Am Gold	5012½	-3½	...	4.5	22.5
36	23	Anglo Pac Res	33½	...	...	...	...
404	298	Bakyrchik	314	...	...	...	...
184	90½	Blyvoors	106	-5½	...	...	...
37	26½	Bracken	30½	...	...	3.1	5.3
898	580½	Buffels	582½	-15	...	11.1	5.2
6	2½	Butte	2½	...	...	...	...
930½	787½	CRA	804	-4½	...	2.6	25.7
55½	36	Cluff Res	47	-½	...	...	∞
1750	1318½	De Beers	1487½	+75	...	3.7	∞
148	88	Deelkraal	93½	-3½	...	2.1	6.9
74	30½	Doornfontein	36½	-½	...	...	...
914	665½	Driefontein	708½	-28½	...	4.7	11.7
778½	549½	Durban	620½	-2½	...	...	...
170	107	E Rand Gold	112½	-14	...	17.8	∞
122½	71	E Rand Prop	75½	-4½	...	...	...
449	300½	Elandsrand	310	-1½	...	6.3	∞
1239	741½	FS Cons	741½	-49½	...	10.2	∞
57	27	FS Dev	33	+2	...	...	...
1800	1193½	GFSA	1331½	+6½	...	3.0	22.4
152½	108½	Gencor	120½	-½	...	5.5	13.4
80½	59½	GM Kalgoorli	63	-½	...	2.2	25.8
18½	14	Greenwich R 'A'	14½	...	...	...	...
202	105½	Grootvlei	120½	-3½	...	8.3	7.6
418	319½	Harmony	321½	-4½	...	...	...
430	271½	Hartes	298½	+4½	...	9.5	7.4
21½	14	Inoco	14½	+½	...	...	11.9
1028½	801½	Impala Plat	906½	-3½	...	3.1	29.6
16½	9½	Kenmare Res	12½	...	...	...	...
1315½	860½	Kinross	956½	-12½	...	6.5	10.6
969½	576½	Kloof	582½	-23½	...	4.2	6.9
137	69½	Leslie	82½	-3½	...	13.7	4.4
333	170½	Loraine	181	-4	...	...	...
1125	887½	Lydenburg	958½	-18½	...	2.2	...
155½	118	MIM	139½	-½	...	1.7	58.9
1556	1227	Minorco	1227 †	-17	...	3.1	14.7
201½	150	Nth Brkn Hill	155½	-½	...	3.2	23.9
899	790	RTZ	824 †	-9	...	3.1	23.5
268½	187½	Rand Mines	268½	...	...	4.2	10.2
801½	554	Randfontein	595	-15	...	6.9	6.0
295	215	Renison	222	...	...	2.0	23.0
1346½	1100	Rustnbrg	1171½	-6½	...	2.7	26.8
756	540½	St Helena	540½	-31½	...	7.8	11.4
2387½	1484½	Southvaal	1905½	-75	...	4.9	20.7
103	73	Stilfontein	102½	-½	...	20.1	19.2
160	90	Unisel	99½	-3½	...	4.5	9.5
7600	5065½	Vaal Reefs	5262½	-206½	...	5.1	8.1
624½	508½	Western Areas	539½	-2½	...	4.9	3.7
3362½	2268½	Western Deep	2278½	-103½	...	4.8	7.6
398	307½	Wern Mining	316½	-2	...	1.7	...
1225	612½	Winkels	612½	-18½	...	7.5	5.9
66	50	Zambia Copper	51	+1	...	...	...
68	48	Zandpan	48	...	...	9.7	15.8

MOTORS, AIRCRAFT

1994 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
278	233	Abbey Panels	278	...	3.0	3.3	11.1
115	110	Airflow Stream	115	...	5.5	4.9	∞
175	134	Appleyard	141 †	...	...	3.4	∞
405	330	Bletchley Mtr	365 †	-5	...	3.4	∞
236	180	Bostrom	235 †	+3½	6.0	3.2	∞
584	390	Br Aerospace	485 †	...	...	2.1	42.6
57	45	Burndene	55	...	...	4.0	14.8
465	400	Caffyns	410	...	11.5	3.5	21.7
22	13½	Caverdale	16½	...	0.1	1.1	∞
130	108	Central Mtrs	109	...	...	4.6	27.0
43	32½	Cook (DC)	39	...	0.9	2.9	22.1
348	281	Cowie (T)	332	-7	...	3.0	18.4
192½	127	Dag Motors	168 ↓	...	...	4.7	∞
157	121	Davnprt Vern	121	...	...	4.3	12.0
332	275	ERF	323	...	2.0	0.8	...
173	135	European Mtr	161	...	...	2.9	22.6
552	408	Evans Halshaw	526½	...	...	3.1	21.8
308	235	FR Group	303	+7	...	3.2	∞
4718½	3612½	Ford Motor	3725	-12½	...	...	...
4387½	3650	General Mtr	3725	...	...	...	...
90	60	Gowrings	73 †	-1	2.0	3.4	∞
342½	266½	Henlys	297 ↓	...	...	3.2	∞
1165½	948½	Honda Motor	1114	-8½	...	0.8	...
58	35	Jacks (Wm)	58	...	...	...	∞
116	80	Jessups	103	...	4.5	5.5	...
184	150½	Kwik-Fit	166½	+½	...	2.9	19.1
373	445	Lex Service	534 †	+9	...	2.9	∞
276	162	Lookers	245 †	...	...	3.3	23.9
239	189	Lucas	215 †	-1	...	4.1	...
29½	25	Malaya Grp	27	...	...	...	...
310	261	Pendragon	299 †	+4	...	3.0	21.3
238	175	Perry Gp	223	...	7.0	4.0	∞
218	156	Quicks Group	184 †	-1	...	3.4	∞
198	161	Rolls-Royce	194 †	-2½	...	3.2	34.2
298	203	T & N	249	-1½	...	5.4	28.4
300	263	Trinity Hldgs	285	+3	...	2.4	26.7
221	163	Vardy (Reg)	204 †	...	...	2.6	24.0
338	293	Westland	334	...	...	1.7	23.4

NEWS, PUBLISHERS

1994 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
355	196	Adscene	224	...	5.7	2.6	28.0
335	325	Black (A&C)	335	...	13.5	5.2	∞
402	308	Blenheim Gp	351	...	10.2	3.7	∞
413	365	Bristol	402	...	...	3.7	36.3
1650	1100	Daily Mail	1468½	...	...	1.3	34.4
1484½	1109½	Daily Mail 'A'	1209½	-6½	...	1.5	28.3
296	260	Dorling Kind	293 †	-1	...	1.4	26.5
6712½	5847½	Elsevier	5957½	-98½	...	3.2	∞
476	407	EMAP	407	-3	...	2.5	25.1
1645	1450	Euromoney Pb	1643	...	...	2.9	28.9
194	154	Harrington K	167	...	4.9	3.7	∞
515	328	Haynes Pub	448 †	...	...	2.0	25.3
408	342	Hodder H'line	387 †	-4	5.0	1.6	∞
190	120	Home Counts	145 †	...	4.5	3.9	∞
208	161	Ind Bus Comm	201 †	...	...	1.2	1.2
15	10½	Int Cm & Data	11	...	...	...	...
510	410	Independent	500 †	...	...	2.8	17.2
669	551	Johnstne Press	663 †	-1	7.0	1.3	∞
429	338	Mentl Bulletn	429	+4	...	2.9	24.0
174	162	Midland Ind	172	+1	...	2.0	23.5
203	166	Mirror Gp	175	-1	...	...	12.8
514½	434½	News Corp	439	-5½	...	0.3	...
314	264	News Intl	272 †	-2	...	0.6	16.7
735	605	Pearson	648 †	-7	...	2.5	25.0
780	670	Portsmth Sund	748	...	...	1.6	20.6
904	818	Reed Intl	821 †	-1½	...	2.9	24.8
249	187	Southnews	240	...	2.3	1.2	44.4
200	160	Sterling Pubs	182 †	-1	...	2.1	22.2
617	487	Telegraph	610 †	...	...	2.7	19.9
885	785	Thomson Corp	815	-20	30.1	4.6	40.7
472	436	Trinity Intl	443 †	...	...	2.7	21.9
43	21	Unit Groups	41	...	...	...	...
731	623	Utd Newspaprs	629 †	-3	...	4.4	17.2

OILS, GAS

1994 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
31½	24½	Arad Energy	27½	+½	...	...	26.8
53	35	Arcon Intl	53	+5	...	...	...
74½	59	Aus Oil & Gas	69½	-½	...	...	...
67	50	Avina Pet	52	...	...	...	...
9	6½	Beverley	6½	...	...	...	...
246	203	Br Borneo	243 †	+1	...	3.7	12.6
358	285½	British Gas	297	-9	...	6.3	...
409½	340	Br Petroleum	388 †	+2½	...	2.7	32.4
3½	1½	Bula Resources	3½	...	...	...	...
875	811	Burmah Castrl	825 †	-6	...	4.2	17.2
68	56	Cairn Energy	68	+2	...	...	9.7
375	313	Calor Gp	331	...	...	4.8	16.6
51	33	Clyde Pet	40	+2½	...	...	...
30	19½	Copiex Res	19½	...	...	...	...
27½	17	Edin Oil & Gas	24	...	...	...	...
486	398	Enterprise	445 †	-3	...	...	25.9
80	38	Exp Co Louis	70	+2	...	4.5	27.6
26½	21	Fairhaven Intl	24 †	...	...	...	...
8½	4½	Fortune	5½	+½	...	...	...
89	54	Goal Pet	69 †	...	...	5.1	9.8
41	31	Gt Western Res	38	+2½	...	2.5	18.2
177	149½	Hardy O & G	161	+2	...	...	...
55	40	Kelt Energy	47	+1	...	0.8	15.0
158	110½	LASMO	155 †	+8	...	1.0	...
73	53	-do- Units	55 †	+1	9.4	21.5	...
9½	2	Mid Sea Res	½	...	...	...	...
65½	55	Monument	[illegible]	+1½	...	...	...
[illegible]	4½	New London	5	-½	...	...	...
60	[illegible]	Oil Search	42	...	...	...	...
[illegible]	[illegible]	Petrol	35	-½	...	...	...
9½	17½	[illegible]	150	...	...	...	...
[illegible]	151	Pict Pet	20½	+2	...	...	15.9
20½	[illegible]	Premier	128	...	...	5.2	...
159	119	Presidio	425	+15	...	3.8	...
[illegible]	[illegible]	Ranger	[illegible]	-9½	...	4.3	20.1
7700	6681½	Royal Dtch Fl	[illegible]	+18½	...	2.8	...
4084½	3491½	Schlumberger	55	...	...	...	∞
55	54	Seafield	731 †	-1	...	4.1	21.9
741	651	Shell	130	...	...	...	...
187	130	Sunrise Eng	15	...	...	...	...
19	14	Villers Grp	201½	-½	...	1.8	...
228½	178½	Wandside	[illegible]	...	...	...	...

PAPER, PRINT, ADVTG

1994 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
[illegible]	162	AG Holdings	162	...	...	4.1	14.7
184	365	API	366	...	...	2.7	20.2
444	237	Arjo Wiggins	304 †	...	...	2.7	51.0
304	580	Abbott Mead	653 †	+2½	10.5	2.1	∞
730	17½	Arcis Gp	20½	-½	...	...	...
29½	145	Aspen Comm	171 †	-1	4.0	3.6	∞
305	19	BBB Design	19	...	...	...	...
26	414	Bemrose	477 †	...	11.7	3.4	∞
472	8½	Birkdale	10	...	...	...	...
17½	145	Bunzl	180 †	-2	...	2.8	22.6
186	352	CIA Gp	162 †	...	5.1	1.7	∞
430	129	Capital Inds	147 †	...	...	...	∞
179	76	City of Lon	3½	...	...	6.3	14.0
93	304	Cropper (James)	100	...	3.2	1.0	38.9
439	88	Delyn Group	109	...	1.6	1.0	14.5
114	104	Dolphin Pack	130 †	-½	4.5	4.3	∞
137	76	Dudley Jenkins	78	...	...	5.0	17.0
83	12½	Elswick	14½	...	...	2.6	16.2
15½	75	Fairway Group	94	...	...	4.5	10.2
101	363	Ferguson Intl	390	...	...	3.9	18.0
430	135	Ferry Pick	145 †	...	...	4.8	...
145	188	Filofax	211	...	...	0.9	27.6
227	8	Fitch	11	+1	...	...	...
17½	140	Gibbon Lyons	141	...	5.2	4.6	15.0
149	171	Gold Greenlees	177	...	5.4	0.0	16.0
275	23	Goodhead	31	...	...	0.2	∞
34	15	Hunterprint	21	-1	...	...	...
30	130	Inreurope	147 †	...	...	6.6	13.3
162	273	Jarvis Porter	290	...	...	2.2	26.1
290	22	Lopex	30 †	+½	...	1.2	29.4
33½	29½	MMI	30½	...	...	...	...
36½	357	More O'Ferrall	381 †	...	11.7	4.1	∞
431	118	NMC Group	118	...	...	2.9	18.2
146	230	Osborne & Little	278	...	...	3.3	30.5
300	32	Osprey Comms	46	...	...	0.2	...
60	513	Portals	638	-2	...	3.2	18.1
658	2	Premier Hlth	2½	...	...	...	...
3	286	Quarto	311 †	...	0.0	2.4	∞
339	332	St Ives Gp	390 †	-2	...	1.9	30.7
412	127	Saatchi	131	...	...	...	29.8
158	464½	Sappi	578½	-2½	...	5.7	11.0
637½	19	Sedi	26½	...	...	...	...
30½	20½	Shandwick	48½	...	...	...	...
57	398	Smith David	565	+2	...	2.2	38.6
573	286	Smurfit (Jeff)	322	+1	...	1.6	7.7
361	103	Somic	112	...	2.5	2.8	45.0
119	210	Star-Plus	234 †	...	8.8	4.7	∞
254	25½	Taylor Nelson	30	...	0.4	1.9	∞
33	125	VTR	146	...	...	3.2	22.0
151	89	WPP	125	...	...	1.0	18.4
129	182	Wace	239 †	+½	...	1.8	23.2
264	244	Waddington (J)	252	...	...	4.0	18.9
300	409	Watmough	462	...	...	1.8	29.2
511	3	Westport	3½	...	...	...	...
5	29	Whitney Mick	30	...	...	...	...
44	98	Wyndeham	106	...	...	1.3	22.7
107	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	...	...	...	...

PROPERTY

1994 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
130	106	Allied Lon	113 †	+½	...	4.0	15.2
48	37	Arcadian	41	...	...	...	...
10½	6	Ascot Hldgs	6½	...	...	...	...
144	109	Asda	120	...	2.2	2.3	∞
191	145	Avonside	148 †	...	...	3.5	∞
2575	2329½	BCE	2399½	-34½	...	...	...
765	589	Bilton	589 †	-1½	19.2	4.1	∞
108	72	Bourne End	100	...	...	1.3	∞
276	213	Bradford	233	...	5.9	3.2	23.6
22½	12½	Bredero	17	...	...	...	...
474	391	Br Land	405	+1	...	2.2	36.9
276	208	Brixton	230	-3	...	4.6	19.2
118	90½	Burford	101	...	...	1.7	32.5
207½	129½	Cap & Regnl	191 †	+1	...	1.0	∞
315	230	Cardiff Prop	310	...	...	1.0	69.3
185	152	Chelsfield	163	...	...	1.8	∞
678	584	Chesterfield	600	...	11.5	2.4	42.9
84	36	City Site Ests	82	+9	...	...	...
34	22	Clarke Nickolls	25	...	...	...	32.2
285	285	Compco	295	...	12.9	6.0	61.8
56	38	Conrad Rtlat GS	43	...	...	...	...
1755	1458	Daejan	1608	...	...	2.1	19.9
25½	5	Dares Estates	15	...	...	...	...
156	123	Debenhm Twsn	127	...	...	3.2	34.1
17	10	De Morgan	12	...	...	...	...
189	167	Dencora	169	...	3.3	2.5	∞
723	588	Derwent Hldgs	590 †	...	...	2.0	28.3
41	30½	Development Sec	30½	...	...	...	...
65	53	Dwyer	58	...	...	...	...
460	370	Estates Agency	440 †	-6½	...	3.0	53.2
47	18	Estates Gen	35	...	...	...	...
132	100	Evans Of Leeds	106	...	...	2.8	18.7
43½	34½	Ex-Lands	35	...	...	1.2	...
37	30½	Five Oaks	30½	+½	...	0.8	...
78	66	Fletcher King	72	...	1.0	1.7	49.7
536	440	Frogmore	477 †	+1	...	4.3	21.0
325	228	Grainger	286	+3	...	2.3	51.1
260	198	Gr Portland	217	+1	...	4.6	20.8
23½	16½	Greycoat	18	...	...	...	...
269	177½	HK Land	195½	-½	...	4.5	∞
94	65	Hambro Cntyw	69	...	0.7	1.4	∞
435	347	Hammerson	386 †	-1	...	3.2	44.2
378	298	Helical Bar	349 †	+4½	5.8	2.1	∞
40½	33½	Hemingway	35½	...	...	1.4	...
78	59	Herring Baker	60	...	3.7	7.8	15.1
315	138	Jermyn	245	...	...	...	...
792	621	Land Sec	662	+3	23.1	4.4	19.7
122	96	Lon Merch Sec	101	-1	4.0	5.0	15.7
16	9	Lon & Metro	15	...	...	...	...
562	441½	MEPC	471	+4	...	5.3	27.1
13½	6½	McInerney A	10½	...	...	...	...
190	164	McKay Secs	174	...	3.5	2.5	23.9
81	71	Merivale Mre	71	...	...	...	...
55	35	Moorfield Est	38	...	...	3.4	∞
1425	1265½	Mountview	1271½	+6½	32.0	2.2	13.3
196	162	Muckiow (A&J)	163	...	...	4.8	23.2
59	38	OEM	38	...	...	...	...
84	43	Olives Prop	44 †	+1	...	...	...
2½	1½	OSB	1½	...	...	...	...
197	149	PRT	157	...	4.3	3.5	31.1
399	325	Peel	335	...	4.3	1.6	...
12½	6	Power Corp	8	...	...	...	...
50	28	Property Trust	35	...	...	...	10.0
54	40	Raglan	40½	...	...	...	...
40	30	Regalian	32½	...	...	...	...
175	140	Rowlinson Secs	165	...	1.5	1.1	20.6
120	115	Rugby Est	120	+3	...	2.1	...
64	48	St Modwen Prp	51	...	...	2.5	21.4
78	59	Saville Grdn (J)	66	...	...	5.1	25.8
100	80	Savills	92	+1	...	2.4	36.4
108	85	Scot Met	98	...	...	2.0	...
135	115	Shaftesbury	120	...	...	...	...
17½	11½	Shield	17	...	...	...	8.9
307	242	Slough Estates	250 †	...	8.1	4.0	∞
103	69	Southend Prop	69	...	...	4.3	...
50	25	Stanhope Prps	35	...	...	...	...
39	35	TBI	36	+1	...	...	...
244	224	Tops Ests	224	...	2.1	1.2	19.9
163	132	Town Centre	138	...	...	3.2	24.5
107	91	Trafford Park	100 †	...	...	3.6	23.0
58	31	UK Land	35	...	...	...	...
10½	8½	Union Square	9	...	...	...	...
317	243	Warner	272	...	...	5.1	24.1
249	218	Warnford	247	+1	7.5	3.8	18.1
7½	1½	Waterglade	1½	-1	...	...	...
104	76	Wates	77	...	...	...	...
105	82	Wood John D	93	...	...	1.0	...

SHOES, LEATHER

1994 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
45	31	Automagica	41	...	...	...	...
231	200	Headlam	219 †	...	...	1.8	∞
405	315	Lambert	315 †	...	13.7	5.5	∞
75	53	Pittards	74 †	...	...	1.7	...
26	21	Strong & Fisher	23 †	...	...	5.4	15.7
250	227	Stylo	236	...	...	2.2	∞
67	57	UK Safety	63 †	-1	...	5.2	13.2

TEXTILES

1994 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
617	514	Allied Tex	550	+1	...	2.9	19.2
71	56	Beckman (A)	58 †	+½	...	7.7	12.4
47	26	Bolton Gp	43	...	...	...	...
226	183	Br Mohair	196 †	...	...	5.4	26.6
68	38	Charnwell	51	...	...	...	...
385	330	Claremont Ga	360 †	...	7.1	2.8	∞
593	451	Courtauld Text	542 †	-1	...	3.3	19.1
35	11	Cupid	19	...	...	...	...
164	124	Dawson	160	...	...	5.9	13.2
36	31	Drummond	31	...	...	...	...
80	72	Funpel	72	...	4.9	8.5	11.1
29	24	Foster (John)	26	...	...	...	...
168	113	Gaskell	153	...	...	3.5	...
249	222	Hicking Pntcst	225	...	...	2.3	15.9
73	58	Jerome (S)	69	+6	...	0.4	...
485	395	Lamont	443	...	12.5	3.6	∞
340	313	Leeds	313	...	...	2.3	16.5
101	78	Lyles (S)	78	...	...	5.3	...
212	125	Magellan	175 †	...	1.4	1.0	...
266	193	Parkland	255	...	...	0.8	...
112	97	Readicut	97½	...	...	4.4	18.4
70	51	SEET	62	...	...	...	...
146	124½	Sirdar	128 †	...	...	5.3	8.8
64	54	Stirling Gp	58	...	1.9	4.1	16.1
46	35	Stoddard	36	...	...	5.2	33.5
330	275	Tomkinsons	315	...	...	4.6	26.7
49	34	West Trust	38	-1½	...	8.9	...
280	239	Yorklyde	272	...	6.0	2.6	∞

TOBACCOS

1994 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
570	435½	BAT	444 †	+1	...	5.7	12.4
489	386	Rothmans	388	...	...	4.0	12.2

TRANSPORT

1994 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
627	541	Assoc Br Ports	541 †	-6	...	2.1	25.8
1083	965	BAA	968	-5	...	2.1	24.0
128	111	Badgerline	123	...	...	...	...
496½	399	Br Airways	411	...	...	4.2	...
108	80	Clarkson (H)	81	-3	...	3.3	17.2
665	448	Eurotunnel Uts	463	+15	1.7	2.7	∞
87	55	Fisher (James)	58	...	...	...	...
310	253	IoM Steam	302 †	...	...	...	...
55	39	Jacobs (J)	54 †	...	...	3.6	11.5
111	94	Lon O'Seas Frt	94	...	3.3	7.6	∞
534	443	Mersey Docks	450 †	-2	...	1.4	17.2
372	245	Natl Express	301 †	-2	...	2.5	22.7
291	224	NFC	233 †	-2	...	3.1	∞
348	263	Ocean Group	288 †	-½	...	3.8	35.8
91	71	Ocean Wilson	83	+1½	...	6.2	14.5
743	612½	P & O Dfd	731 †	...	4.0	6.0	15.0
163	153	P & O 5 1/2%	162	-2	...	3.2	∞
705	631	Powell Duffryn	673	...	...	4.2	...
96½	88	Seacon	90	...	...	4.2	21.3
206	158	Stagecoach	198	+1	...	3.2	20.4
121	89½	TNT	98	...	...	2.4	23.7
415	303	Tibbett & Britn	373 †	-1	...	...	...
79	35	Tiphook	35	+5	14.2	2.0	∞
327	247	TDG	247 †	-1	...	...	...
132	98	Ugland	122	-2	...	4.8	16.6
160	151	Utd Carriers	151	...	...	...	...

WATER

1994 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
607	480	Anglian Water	486	-7	...	5.6	8.6
365	340	Mid Kent Hdgs	343	...	...	3.9	12.7
751	586	Northumbrian	597	...	...	4.9	7.0
611	487	North West	500	-2	...	5.5	8.1
645	507	Severn Trent	521	-8	...	5.2	7.6
682	500	Sthrn Water	522	-2	...	5.2	7.7
1595	1325	Sth Staffs	1550	-3	48.5	3.0	11.0
675	505	South West	514	-1	...	5.9	8.1
611	494	Thames Water	484	-8	...	5.6	8.5
744	608	Welsh Water	613	-9	...	4.9	8.2
759½	605	Wessex Water	617	-2	...	4.5	9.8
630	484	Yorkshire W	495	-2	...	5.5	8.2

Source: Finstat

▲ USM; # Price at suspension; † Ex dividend; ‡ Ex scrip; † Ex rights issue; ↓ Ex all; § Ex capital distribution; ∞ Figures or report awaited; ... No significant data.

SHORTS (under 5 years)

1994 High	Low	Stock	Price £	+/-	Int yld %	Grs red yld
102	100	Exch 13½% 1994	100	...	13.50	...
102	100½	Treas 10% 1994	100½	-	9.94	5.22
104	102	Exch 12½% 1994	102	-	12.21	5.18
103	102	Treas 9% 1994	102 †	-	8.82	5.24
107	104½	Treas 12% 1995	104½	...	11.44	5.27
99	97½	Gas 3% 1990-95	97½ †	+¼	3.07	5.05
107	105	Exch 10¼% 1995	105	...	9.73	5.80
113½	109	Treas 12¾% 1995	109	-	11.62	6.10
117	112½	Treas 14% 1996	112½	-	12.43	6.26
121	116½	Treas 15¼% 1996	116½ †	-	13.10	6.49
117	112	Exch 13¼% 1996	112	-	11.75	6.54
112	107	Conv 10% 1996	107 †	-	9.34	6.93
121	115	Treas 13¼% 1997	115	-	11.52	7.10
114	108	Exch 10½% 1997	108	-	9.69	7.18
110	104	Treas 8¾% 1997	104	-	8.41	7.34
131	122½	Exch 15% 1997	122½ †	-	12.22	7.48
114	106	Exch 9¾% 1998	107	-	9.11	7.57
106	98	Treas 7¼% 1998	99½	-	7.30	7.48
102	96½	Treas 6¾% 1995-98	98 †	-	6.55	7.32
131	121½	Treas 14% 1998-01	121½ †	-	11.53	7.79
140	127	Treas 15½% 1998	128	-	12.06	7.71
125	114½	Exch 12% 1998	115	-	10.36	7.82
116	105	Treas 9½% 1999	106	-	8.89	7.76

MEDIUMS (5 to 15 years)

1994 High	Low	Stock	Price £	+/-	Int yld %	Grs red yld
101	93	Treas 6% 1999	93 †	-	6.44	7.61
128	116½	Exch 12¼% 1999	117	-	10.44	7.96
121	109	Treas 10½% 1999	110	-	9.48	7.88
121	109	Conv 10¼% 1999	110 †	-	9.30	7.94
116	105	Conv 9% 2000	105	-	8.54	7.82
136	123	Treas 13% 2000	123	-	10.50	8.07
106	95	Treas 7% 2001	95½ †	-	7.34	7.82
122	109	Treas 10% 2001	110	-	9.08	8.04
123	109	Treas 9¾% 2002	110	-	8.86	8.07
113	100	Treas 8% 2003	100	-1½	7.97	7.94
127	112	Treas 10% 2003	112	-1½	8.88	8.06
129	116	Treas 11½% 2001-04	116	-1	9.84	8.24
86	74	Fund 3½% 1999-04	75	-1	4.67	6.96
105	92	Treas 6¾% 2004	92	-1½	7.30	7.82
125	110	Conv 9½% 2004	110 †	-1½	8.59	7.98
125	110	Conv 9½% 2005	110	-1½	8.57	7.96
147	126	Treas 12½% 2003-05	127 †	-1½	9.83	8.32
111	99	Treas 8% 2002-06	99	-1½	8.02	7.94
112	98	Treas 7¾% 2006	98	-1½	7.86	7.91
136	120	Treas 11¾% 2003-07	121	-1½	9.71	8.32
119	104	Treas 8½% 2007	104	-1½	8.14	7.94
151	133	Treas 13½% 2004-08	134	-1½	10.04	8.32
124	108	Treas 9% 2008	108	-1½	8.27	7.95

LONGS (over 15 years)

1994 High	Low	Stock	Price £	+/-	Int yld %	Grs red yld
115	99	Treas 8% 2009	100	-1	7.97	7.95
128	109	Conv 9% 2011	109	-1	8.20	7.94
127	109	Treas 9% 2012	110	-1	8.17	7.93
93	77	Treas 5½% 2008-12	79	-	6.98	7.69
114	98	Treas 7¾% 2012-15	99	-1	7.86	7.90
117	100	Treas 8% 2013	100	-1	7.94	7.91
159	137	Exch 12% 2013-17	137	-1	8.71	8.10
128	109	Treas 8¾% 2017	109	-1½	8.02	7.89

UNDATED

1994 High	Low	Stock	Price £	+/-	Int yld %	Grs red yld
54	43	War Ln 3½%	44	-	7.87	...
37	29	Treas 2½%	29	-	8.35	...

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1994 High	Low	Stock	Price £	+/-	Int yld %	Grs red yld
138	136	Treas IL 2% 1994	138	...	...	...
203	198	Treas IL 2% 1996	198	-	2.13	3.26
113	107	Treas IL 4⅝% 1998	107 †	-	2.54	3.29
176	168	Treas IL 2½% 2001	168	-	2.86	3.26
173	164	Treas IL 2½% 2003	165 †	-	2.96	3.30
118	111	Treas IL 4⅛% 2004	112	-	2.97	3.28
180	172	Treas IL 2% 2006	173	-	3.05	3.30
168	155	Treas IL 2½% 2009	157 †	-	3.19	3.41
175	161	Treas IL 2½% 2011	163	-	3.24	3.43
146	133	Treas IL 2½% 2013	134	-	3.29	3.50
157	142	Treas IL 2½% 2016	143	-	3.35	3.51
152	137	Treas IL 2½% 2020	137	-	3.41	3.55
129	114	Treas IL 2½% 2024	114	-	3.41	3.54
128	114	Treas IL 4⅛% 2030	114	-	3.43	3.56

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	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
AIB UNIT TRUST MANAGERS LTD				
51 Belmont Rd, Uxbridge, Middx UB8 1RZ				
0895 259 783				
Grofund Amer	160.30	168.80	- 0.10	...
Grofund Equity	238.00	251.90	...	1.39
Grofund Euro	201.50	212.10	+ 0.70	...
Grofund Expt Bal	116.20	120.50	+ 1.00	1.40
Grofund Gilt	76.35	78.71	+ 0.23	4.45
Grofund Japan	189.30	199.10	- 0.40	...
AXA EQUITY & LAW UNIT TST MGRS				
Equity & Law Hse, Corpn St, Coventry				
0203 553 231				
General Acc	520.40	553.70†	- 1.60	2.46
General Inc	465.10	494.80†	- 1.50	2.46
UK Growth Acc	352.20	374.70†	- 1.20	2.69
UK Growth Inc	244.50	260.20†	- 0.90	2.69
Higher Inc Acc	643.40	684.50†	- 2.40	3.79
Higher Inc Inc	379.20	404.00†	- 2.60	3.79
Gilts/Fxd Int Acc	181.60	191.90†	- 1.60	6.08
Gilts/Fxd Int Inc	90.64	95.74†	- 0.87	6.08
Nth America	241.50	257.00†	+ 1.40	...
Far East	362.40	385.60†	+ 0.80	...
Europe	272.10	290.50†	- 1.30	0.70
Brit Excell	69.84	74.30	- 0.33	2.86
Brit Fndmnls Acc	96.91	103.10†	- 0.60	4.65
Brit Fndmnls Inc	72.75	77.40†	- 0.41	4.65
Global Opps	83.36	88.69	+ 0.10	0.06
Balanced Acc	53.00	56.39†	- 0.20	2.49
Balanced Inc	52.82	55.88†	- 0.20	2.49
ABBEY UNIT TST MGRS				
80 Holdenhurst Rd, Bournemouth 0345 717 373				
High Income				
Gilts & Fixed Int	130.50	138.40†	- 0.70	5.78
High Inc Equity	162.30	173.60	- 0.20	4.53
Worldwide Bond	271.10	287.50†	- 0.40	3.65
Capital Growth				
American Growth	290.90	310.40	- 1.00	.38
Asian Pacific	335.30	358.60	- 0.50	...
Assets & Earnings	268.70	285.90	...	1.89
Commdy & Energy	117.10	124.60†	- 1.00	...
1992 Enterprise	93.25	99.73	+ 0.28	1.69
Euro Capital Inc	131.00	140.20	+ 0.50	.69
General	226.40	240.80†	...	2.26
Japan	134.10	143.40	- 0.60	...
Mastertrust	142.90	152.80	...	.98
UK Growth Dist	137.40	147.00	+ 0.30	1.68
US Emerging Cos	130.80	139.20	- 0.10	...
Income & Growth	389.30	414.20	- 0.40	3.17
Ethical	73.45	78.14	+ 0.10	2.18
International	115.40	122.80	...	.26
Dividend & Growth	61.19	65.10	- 0.09	4.32
Global Gwth & Sec	65.20	69.43	+ 0.13	2.12
ABERFORTH UNIT TRUST MGRS LTD				
14 Melville St, Edinburgh EH3 7NS				
031 220 0733				
UK Small Cos	£17.15	£17.87	...	...
ABTRUST UNIT TRUST MGRS LTD				
10 Queens Terrace, Aberdeen AB9 1QJ				
0800 833 580				
Aberdeen Portfolio	61.17	62.34	- 0.17	0.79
Amer Inc & Growth	43.58	45.97†	- 0.09	0.67
Cash	50.27	50.27†	+ 0.01	4.48
European	109.50	116.20	+ 0.70	...
European Income	99.70	106.00	...	1.40
Exempt	£10.56	£11.13†	+ 3.00	3.41
Extra Income	52.11	56.85†	- 0.23	4.58
Far East Emg Eco	110.40	119.20	+ 0.30	0.53
Fixed Interest	24.50	26.15†	+ 0.07	7.02
Fund Inv Tst	183.00	195.40†	- 0.30	0.86
Japan	201.50	214.40	+ 0.40	...
Latin American	65.50	69.73	+ 2.22	0.69
Pacific	70.92	75.94†	+ 0.11	0.35
Property Share	73.25	78.20	+ 0.04	1.67
UK Emerging Cos	68.51	73.13	+ 0.02	1.69
UK Growth	44.16	47.64†	- 0.14	2.45
World Growth	74.54	79.56	+ 0.20	0.68
Ethical	63.03	67.29	+ 0.27	2.60
Aberdeen Gilt Inc	51.31	51.31†	+ 0.15	7.44
ACUMA FUND MANAGERS LTD				
5 Rayleigh Rd, Hutton, Essex 0277 690 336				
UK Equity Income	95.01	101.07	+ 0.02	3.08
UK Equity Growth	85.61	91.07	+ 0.06	2.14
European	68.29	72.65	- 0.11	0.74
Nth American	66.74	71.00	+ 0.15	0.99
Far Eastern	73.90	78.62	- 0.12	0.41
Money	65.75	65.75	+ 0.01	3.92
Fixed Interest	70.30	74.79	- 0.31	6.77
Index Linked Gilt	65.69	69.88	- 0.12	1.14
AEGON UNIT TRUSTS LTD				
28 St Andrew Square, Edinburgh EH2 1YF				
031 549 3232				
British Growth	69.54	73.97†	- 0.14	2.55
British Income	78.16	83.14†	- 0.22	3.47
Select Portfolio	87.42	93.00†	+ 0.91	...
ALLCHURCHES INV MGMT SVS LTD				
191 King's Road Brentwood CM14 4DR				
0452 305 958				
Amity Income	76.41	81.07	...	2.01
Income Builder Inc	68.07	72.41	- 0.24	2.79
ALLIED DUNBAR UNIT TSTS PLC				
Allied Dunbar Centre, Swindon SN1 1EL				
IFA dlg: 0793 610 366 Client dlg: 0793 514 514				
Balanced Trusts				
Growth & Income	234.50	250.60†	- 2.20	3.01
Capital	422.20	451.30†	- 3.40	1.50
Balanced	700.10	748.40	- 5.00	2.43
Accumulator	£12.38	£13.23	-11.00	2.84
Income Trusts				
American Income	48.42	51.76	- 0.15	3.61
High Income	410.80	439.10†	- 3.60	3.37
Equity Income	233.80	249.90†	- 1.90	3.34
High Yield	251.70	269.00†	- 2.00	3.49
Govt Securities	33.12	34.96†	- 0.30	5.23
International Trusts				
Amer Spec Sits	130.90	139.20†	- 0.50	0.22
European Growth	35.27	37.52	+ 0.02	0.08
International	163.30	174.20	- 0.50	0.22
Japan	230.80	246.20†	- 1.40	0.01
Pacific	414.40	442.90	- 1.60	0.18
Secs of America	399.80	425.70†	- 0.40	0.49
Wwide Asset Val	48.67	52.01	- 0.15	0.04
Specialist Trusts				
Asset Value	529.80	566.30	- 3.80	2.04
Conv & Gilt	47.40	50.67	- 0.05	4.07
Smaller Cos	181.40	193.90†	+ 0.10	0.88
2nd Smaller Cos	172.70	184.60†	+ 0.20	0.99
Recovery	145.80	155.80†	- 0.70	1.54
Mer Min & Cmty	149.80	160.10†	- 0.20	0.91
Oseas Earnings	363.80	388.90†	- 2.10	1.79
Technology	152.10	162.80†	- 1.10	0.01
UK Special Sits	459.30	490.90	- 2.70	1.59
B & C E UNIT TRUST MGMT LTD				
Manor Royal, Crawley RH10 2QP 0293 526 911				
Cntrctd Out Pens	99.53	103.40	...	1.45
Foundtn Persl Pens	62.98	65.43	...	4.00
BSI-THORNHILL UNIT TST MGRS LTD				
28 St John's Sq, London EC1M 4AS				
071 251 6767				
Capital	71.29	75.84	- 0.30	2.68
International	63.63	67.69	...	0.49
BAILLIE GIFFORD & CO LTD				
1 Rutland Court, Edinburgh EH3 8EY				
031 222 4242				
America	288.80	312.40	- 0.90	...
Bond	114.10	120.00†	- 1.20	6.47
Brit Smlr Cos	103.20	109.80	+ 0.10	0.91
Conv & Gen	64.86	69.22	- 0.11	5.01
Energy	432.10	469.20	+ 2.20	0.22
Europe	237.90	252.90	- 0.40	0.46
Euro Smlr Cos	106.70	113.20	+ 0.40	0.83
Income Gwth	353.30	377.10†	- 0.70	4.00
Japan	341.40	362.90	- 1.50	...
Pacific	111.50	118.80	+ 0.60	0.66
UK Smllr Cos	52.01	55.33	+ 0.11	0.78
Japan Fd	795.40	818.60	- 4.30	...
Mngd Fd	172.40	183.30†	- 0.70	2.73
BANK OF IRELAND FUND MGRS LTD				
36 Queen St, London EC4R 1BN 071 489 8673				
Brit & Oseas	285.00	300.00	...	1.23
Capital Gwth	114.80	120.80	...	2.20
Wwide Opps	182.70	192.30	...	0.46
BARCLAYS UNICORN LTD				
11 Broadway, Stratford E15 4BJ 081 534 5544				
Balanced Trusts				
Brit Inv Fd Inc	347.20	361.70†	- 0.80	2.51
European Bd Inc	94.54	97.88	+ 0.31	7.19
Exempt	73.40	78.29†	- 0.30	4.12
Financial	71.81	76.81	- 0.25	2.46
500.00	469.70	502.30	+ 0.70	2.16
General	269.20	287.90†	- 0.40	2.48
Property	249.30	266.60	...	5.49
Trustee	185.40	198.30	- 0.10	2.03
Income Trusts				
Cash Inc	100.20	100.20†	...	4.00
Extra Income	117.10	125.20†	- 0.20	3.96
Gilt & Fxd Int	58.46	60.41	+ 0.28	7.73
Income	535.80	573.10	- 0.70	3.87
Income Builder	64.68	68.81	- 0.11	4.56
Intl Income	66.65	70.91	+ 0.13	3.35
Growth Trusts - UK				
Capital	114.90	122.60	- 0.10	2.49
Leisure	124.70	133.40	+ 0.10	0.93
Recovery	424.50	454.00	+ 0.40	2.22
Smllr Cos Inc	43.87	47.04	- 0.08	1.87
Special Sits	286.70	306.60	- 1.00	1.55
Growth Trusts - Overseas				
America	125.90	133.60	+ 0.50	0.20
Aust Acc	256.40	272.80	- 0.90	1.74
Aust Inc	160.50	170.70	- 0.60	1.74
Euro Gwth Inc	149.10	158.00	+ 0.20	0.31
Japan & Gen Inc	192.60	204.00†	- 0.50	...
Japan Spec Sits	87.33	92.51	- 0.12	...
Univ Tech Inc	79.54	84.52	+ 0.19	0.44
Worldwide	175.00	185.80	+ 0.50	0.39
BARING FUND MANAGERS LTD				
PO Box 156, Beckenham, Kent BR3 4XQ				
081 658 9002				
American Growth	94.90	100.70	+ 0.20	...
Amer Smllr Cos	127.60	136.90	+ 0.40	...
Cash Trust	50.85	50.85	+ 0.02	4.50
Convertibles	60.28	64.46†	- 0.02	5.60
Eastern	269.60	291.60	+ 2.80	0.10
Equity Income	87.46	93.04†	- 0.61	4.80
European Growth	297.30	315.80	- 0.40	1.00
Europe	219.40	233.60	+ 0.10	1.00
German Growth	71.97	76.71	+ 0.18	0.70
Global Bond	66.14	69.73	+ 0.07	5.30
Global Growth	125.90	134.60	- 0.20	...
Japan Growth	220.00	236.00	- 0.30	...
Japan Sunrise	197.00	210.70	- 1.10	...
Korea Trust	76.73	86.23	+ 2.19	...
Portfolio	132.60	141.60	- 0.30	1.60
UK Growth	95.32	101.40	...	2.40
UK Smaller Cos	96.68	103.40	...	1.60
Select Managers	74.51	79.88†	- 0.02	2.00
BLACKSTONE FRANKS UT MGRS LTD				
26-34 Old Street, London EC1V 9HL				
071 250 3300				
Intl Gwth Port Inc	80.34	85.47	...	...
Special Oppor Inc	55.04	58.55	...	...
BREWIN DOLPHIN UT MGRS LTD				
5 Giltspur St, London EC1A 9DE 071 236 6441				
Special Sits	174.10	186.20	+ 0.20	0.66
Dividend	80.99	86.62	- 0.58	3.83
Intl Gth & Inc	216.90	232.00	- 1.10	2.52
UK & Gen	44.08	47.14	- 0.36	1.55
Fund of Funds	66.21	70.81†	+ 0.45	...
BRITANNIA LIFE UNIT MGRS LTD				
50 Bothwell Street, Glasgow G2 6HR				
041 223 6020				
Balanced Growth	106.80	113.02†	- 0.38	1.63
Smaller Cos	106.94	113.16	- 0.12	0.60
Higher Yield	44.51	47.10†	- 0.11	2.91
American Gth Inc	71.04	75.81	+ 0.58	...
European Growth	136.29	144.22†	- 0.08	...
Global Bond Inc	28.73	30.37	+ 0.04	5.10
Mngd Ptflio Inc	43.32	45.84†	- 0.04	1.08
Int Spec Opps	118.90	125.82	- 0.56	0.15
Pacific Gth	134.87	142.72†	+ 0.04	...
Formerly LAS				
European	94.70	100.21	+ 1.37	0.45
Extra Income	25.36	26.84	+ 0.12	3.19
Far East	32.02	33.88	- 0.05	0.26
Income & Gwth	77.13	81.62	- 0.20	3.59
Intl Growth	57.81	61.17	- 0.04	0.27
Japan	68.64	72.63	- 0.10	...
Maximum Dist	97.43	99.41	+ 0.43	6.07
Nth Amer Equity	39.41	41.70	+ 0.27	0.11
UK Equity	91.90	97.25	- 0.21	2.18
BURRAGE UNIT TST MGMT LTD				
117 Fenchurch St, London EC3M 5AL				
071 488 7216				
Short Dated Gilt	64.25	65.08†	+ 0.22	5.70

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CIS UNIT MANAGERS LTD				
PO Box 105, Manchester M60 8AH				
061 837 5060				
Environ	153.10	162.90	- 0.20	1.41
UK Growth	166.00	176.70	- 0.10	1.94
UK Income	133.10	141.70†	- 0.20	4.13
CANADA LIFE UNIT TST MGRS LTD				
High St, Potters Bar, Herts EN6 5BA				
0707 651 122				
Can Gen Dist	183.60	194.70	- 0.90	1.86
-do- Income Dist	106.90	113.40†	- 0.30	4.41
Gilt & Fxd Int	40.76	43.21	- 0.30	6.30
CAPEL-CURE MYERS UT MGMT LTD				
35 Fountain Street, Manchester M2 2AF				
061 236 5685 Enq: 061 236 5685 Dlg: 061 236 5362				
American & Gen	142.20	151.30†	+ 0.10	...
European Inc	80.42	85.32	- 0.14	0.35
Smaller Cos (4-1)	83.35	88.68†	+ 0.02	1.34
Growth	424.20	453.70	- 0.20	2.13
Income & Growth	407.70	433.80	- 0.50	3.74
Japan & Gen	78.51	83.48†	- 0.06	...
Master Portfolio	£105.3	£109.6†	- 6.00	1.30
Special Sits	97.59	103.82	+ 1.02	2.12
High Yield	£13.25	£13.67	- 6.00	4.15
CAPITAL HOUSE UNIT TST MGRS				
Capital House, Festival Square, Edinburgh				
031 228 4477 Dealing: 0800 833 561				
American Gwth Tst	34.99	37.42	...	0.23
Cash Income	50.82	50.82	+ 0.02	4.99
European Gwth	39.79	42.37	...	0.36
Income & Gwth Inc	27.40	29.30†	...	4.22
Intnl Gwth	31.04	33.19†	...	0.55
Japan Gwth	29.45	31.49	...	...
Managed Tst Inc	47.83	51.15	...	1.57
Oriental Opps Inc	138.00	147.50	...	...
Property Shares	44.44	47.52	...	0.58
Smaller Cos	32.14	34.37	...	1.54
UK Growth Tst	25.68	27.46	...	2.19
Royal Scottish Assurance				
Cap Rise Global Inc	70.90	75.86	...	1.69
Cap Hse UK Inc	65.28	69.92	...	2.45
Exempt	23.59	24.36	...	...
Formerly Brown Shipley				
European Inc	25.90	27.64	...	0.39
European Acc	26.86	28.67	...	0.39
Financial	147.50	157.70	...	1.77
Foundation	90.82	97.13†	...	2.27
German	50.33	53.82	...	...
High Income	75.16	80.38†	...	5.50
Income	132.30	141.40†	...	3.81
Intl Growth	38.78	41.47	...	...
Mngd Ptflio Inc	104.30	111.50	...	1.66
Mngd Ptflio Acc	199.40	213.20	...	1.66
Monthly Income	82.79	88.54	...	3.90
North American	98.74	105.60	...	...
Orient	153.00	163.60	...	...
CAZENOVE UNIT TRUST MGMT LTD				
3 Copthall Avenue, London EC2R 7BH				
071 606 0708				
Cazenove Portfolio	81.08	86.57	- 0.31	2.29
American Portfolio	87.95	93.80	- 0.29	1.04
European Portfolio	96.13	102.61†	+ 0.35	0.92
Japanese Portfolio	73.83	78.51	- 0.21	...
Pacific Portfolio	141.79	152.47	- 0.30	0.74
UK Inc & Growth	72.92	78.22†	- 0.27	3.75
Utility & Bond	52.96	53.64	- 0.45	6.54
CENTURY UNIT TRUSTS LTD				
5 Old Bailey, London EC4M 7BA 071 332 5800				
UK General Tst	63.48	67.53	- 0.28	2.97
CHARTERED ASSET MGMT LTD				
151 Farringdon Rd, London EC1R 3AD				
071 837 7667				
Intl Growth	141.31	152.72	...	...
UK Growth	...	...	...	...
UK Income	113.19	122.71	...	3.83
CITY FINANCIAL UT MGRS LTD				
1 White Hart Yard, London Bridge SE1				
071 407 5966				
Beckman Intl	79.43	83.94	...	1.99
Beck Bio-Tech	30.19	32.12	...	...
Acorn Ethical Tst	159.88	168.29	...	1.25
City Fin Assets	74.51	78.43†	...	1.61
City Fin America	78.57	82.71	...	...
City Fin Intl	76.52	80.55†	...	0.49
City Fin Japan	181.89	191.46	...	...
Friars Hse Cap	273.48	289.40	...	2.26
Friars Hse Inc	202.76	215.70	...	4.88
Buckley Wrld Grth	134.19	142.76†	...	0.08
Fairmnt Cap Gth	143.27	150.81	...	...
-do- Inc & Gth	115.16	121.22	...	1.63
Fairmount Intl	157.32	165.60	...	...
Cty Fin Ptflo Inc	57.69	61.37	...	4.01
CITY OF LONDON UNIT TST MGRS LTD				
10 Eastcheap, London EC3M 1AJ 0392 412 144				
Emerging Markets	54.76	58.11	- 0.15	...
CLERICAL MEDICAL UT MGRS LTD				
Narrow Plain, Bristol BS2 0JH 0800 373 393				
American Gwth	55.06	58.89	+ 0.45	...
Atlas Mngd Gwth	37.18	39.98	+ 0.02	0.18
Dragon Growth	70.52	75.42	+ 0.65	0.42
Equity High Inc	81.06	86.23	- 0.41	3.80
European Gwth	49.89	53.07	- 0.17	0.67
Evergreen	30.68	32.81	+ 0.08	...
General Equity	83.31	88.59	- 0.22	2.30
Gilt & Fxd Int Inc	24.82	26.08†	- 0.31	8.02
Japan Growth	54.75	59.12	- 0.13	...
Pedigree Gwth	50.64	53.87	- 0.06	2.17
Pcd Sm Cos Inc	33.30	35.43	- 0.01	0.62
Retirement Inc	25.29	27.19	- 0.15	5.62
Special Sits	38.92	41.63	+ 0.01	1.64
UK & Overseas	47.99	51.85	- 0.04	1.06
COLONIAL MUTUAL UT MGRS LTD				
Chatham Maritime, Kent ME4 4YY				
0634 898 000				
Capital	64.18	68.64	...	2.36
Income	59.17	63.28	...	3.90
COMMERCIAL UNION FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT INTERNATIONAL LTD				
Exchange Court, 3 Bedford Park, Croydon CR0 2AQ 081 686 9818				
PRESTIGE PORTFOLIO (PPT FUNDS)				
Income Funds				
Equity Inc	161.37	171.67†	- 0.37	5.15
Fixed & Convertible	42.08	44.77†	+ 0.03	5.70
Monthly Inc Plus	51.14	54.40†	+ 0.05	8.24
Preference Share	48.78	51.89†	- 0.05	7.12
Balanced Funds				
High Yield	128.28	136.47†	- 1.37	6.85
Managed Fund	67.50	71.81†	- 0.25	2.81
UK Growth Funds				
Smaller Cos	43.03	45.78†	+ 0.07	1.85
UK & General	75.96	80.81†	- 0.35	2.68
UK Growth	134.46	143.04†	- 0.57	1.63
International Growth Funds				
Europe Growth	195.49	207.97†	- 0.26	...
Far Eastern Grth	135.50	144.15†	+ 0.26	0.29
Global Bond	81.52	86.65†	- 0.02	6.10
Japan Growth	131.57	139.97†	+ 0.38	...
North Amer Grth	153.04	162.81†	+ 0.41	...
Oriental Growth	77.66	82.62†	+ 0.23	...
Worldwide Growth	65.39	69.56†	+ 0.04	0.24
OTHER CU TRUSTS (NON PPT FUNDS)				
Deposit Fund	91.65	91.65†	+ 0.03	4.42
Homemaker Fund	76.00	80.85	- 0.13	1.87
Quilter Fund	131.93	140.36	- 0.20	2.44
CONFEDERATION FUNDS MGMT LTD				
Lytton Way, Stevenage, Herts SG1 2NN				
0438 744 840				
Growth Inc	58.18	61.89	- 0.06	2.70
High Income	33.52	35.65†	- 0.05	4.50
Japan	38.04	40.46	- 0.11	...
Smaller Cos Inc	32.89	34.98	+ 0.06	2.20
Smaller Cos	34.22	36.40	+ 0.07	2.20
North American	31.76	33.78	- 0.01	0.40
European	37.66	40.06	+ 0.02	0.50
CONSISTENT UNIT TST MGMT CO LTD				
1 White Hart Yd, London Bridge SE1 1NX				
071 407 5966				
Consistent UT	31.16	33.48	...	3.23
COOKE (HENRY) INV FUNDS LTD				
1 King St, Manchester M60 3AH 0800 526 358				
Growth	145.50	154.80†	- 0.30	1.78
Income	73.57	78.27	- 0.48	4.85
European	61.73	65.68	- 0.18	0.61
Recovery	144.30	153.60†	+ 0.90	1.30
CO-OP PENSION FDS UT MGRS LTD				
78-80 Cornhill, London EC3V 3ND 071 283 9494				
Equity Dist	812.90	826.60	...	3.74
CREDIT SUISSE INV FDS (UK) LTD				
5 Rayleigh Rd, Hutton, Brentwood, Essex				
0277 690 370				
Fellowship Tst	70.63	75.14	- 0.17	1.36
Income	232.00	246.80	- 0.90	4.65
Smaller Cos	154.00	163.90	+ 0.10	1.24
Inv Portfolio	76.98	81.90	- 0.04	1.46
High Income Port	66.91	71.19	- 0.34	4.81
DIMENSIONAL TST MGMT LTD				
155 Bishopsgate, London EC2M 3XS				
071 480 0177				
Euro Small Cos	£15.75	£16.09	...	...
Japan Small Cos	£13.82	£14.07	...	...
UK Small Cos	£18.17	£18.96	...	...
US Small Cos	£15.62	£16.08	...	...
DISCRETIONARY UNIT FUND MGRS				
66 Wilson Street, London EC2A 2BL				
071 377 8819				
Disc Inc	195.30	205.50	...	2.67
DUNEDIN UNIT TST MGRS LTD				
25 Ravelston Terrace, Edinburgh 031 315 2500				
European Gwth	270.90	288.50	+ 0.60	1.05
New Asia	215.60	233.80	+ 1.80	...
Japan Growth	134.60	143.10	- 0.20	...
Jap Smllr Co	561.00	598.60†	- 1.80	...
Nth Amer	244.70	259.70	+ 2.30	0.94
Shtfrd Asia Pac Mt	120.50	127.60	+ 0.50	...
UK Inc & Grth	215.50	230.30†	- 1.10	3.10
EAGLE STAR UNIT MGRS LTD				
Bath Road, Cheltenham GL53 7LQ 0242 577 555				
UK Balanced Inc	140.10	149.00	- 0.20	1.80
UK High Inc Inc	154.50	164.40	- 0.20	4.85
UK Pref & F I Inc	59.41	63.17	+ 0.26	4.90
Envrnmntl Opps	82.84	88.13†	+ 0.09	1.39
EDINBURGH UNIT TST MGRS LTD				
97 Haymarket Terrace, Edinburgh				
0345 090 526				
American	118.80	126.20	- 0.20	0.16
Convertibles	23.20	24.75†	- 0.09	6.67
Equity Income	129.20	137.30†	- 0.80	3.64
EuroFund	45.72	48.24	...	0.83
Financial	47.00	49.94	- 0.53	1.60
Growth & Inc	230.00	244.40	- 1.40	3.07
High Dist	159.80	169.80	- 1.10	4.42
International	382.50	406.40	+ 1.40	0.25
Inc Cap Inc	94.84	101.20†	+ 0.60	2.57
Latin American	40.59	43.13	+ 1.98	0.20
Pacific	84.12	89.38	+ 1.12	...
Preference Share	23.91	25.40†	- 0.13	6.10
Tokyo	238.90	253.50	- 1.70	...
UK Smaller Cos	239.20	254.10	- 0.20	0.92
ELCON LTD				
Central Ct, Knoll Rise, Orpington BR6 0JA				
0689 70538				
Elcon Trust	220.00	235.00	...	...
ENDURANCE FUND MGMT LTD				
41 Harrington Gardens, London SW7 4JU				
071 373 7291				
Endurance Fd	202.30	215.20	...	0.38
EQUITABLE UNIT TRUST MGRS LTD				
Walton St, Aylesbury, Bucks HP21 7QW				
0296 431 480				
European	80.72	84.97	...	1.66
Far Eastern	313.56	330.06	...	1.39
High Income	135.59	142.73	...	4.32
Intl Growth	118.94	125.20†	...	1.20
North American	112.21	118.12	...	1.00
Pelican	115.72	121.81†	...	2.81
Smaller Cos	75.50	79.47	...	2.00
Special Sits	91.30	96.11	...	2.50
Tst of Inv Tsts	189.54	199.52	...	1.68
EVERMORE FUND MGMT LTD				
1 White Hart Yard, London Bridge SE1				
071 407 5966				
Smaller Cos Inc	223.34	232.54†	...	1.06
Smaller Cos Acc	387.41	403.55†	...	1.06
Recovery	58.30	60.73	...	1.88

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EXETER FUND MANAGERS LTD				
23 Cathedral Yard, Exeter EX1 1HB				
0392 412 144				
Balanced	110.86	117.75	- 0.19	5.14
Capital Growth	81.37	87.27	- 0.07	...
Fd of Inv Tsts	45.36	48.39	- 0.04	0.23
High Income	48.40	51.91†	- 0.07	8.53
Warrant	61.12	66.44†	- 0.19	...
Zero Preference	36.54	38.77	+ 0.02	...
FAMILY INVESTMENT MGMT LTD				
16 West Street, Brighton BN1 2RE 0273 220 787				
Family Asset Tst	75.90	80.74†	+ 0.07	2.41
Family Income Tst	48.77	51.88†	+ 0.06	5.92
Family Trust	89.74	95.47†	...	1.07
United Charities	253.40	269.60†	...	2.77
FIDELITY INVESTMENT SERVS LTD				
130 Tonbridge Rd, Tonbridge TN11 9DZ				
Callfree: Private Clients 0800 414 161				
Broker Dealings: 0800 414 181				
Cash Fund				
Cash Fund	100.00	100.00	...	4.20
Stabiliser Growth Range				
Controlled Risk UK	24.22	25.59	- 0.07	3.11
-do- Europe	24.02	25.35	+ 0.13	4.68
-do- America	23.04	24.27	- 0.05	0.22
-do- Acc Japan	27.02	28.81	- 0.04	0.39
Bond Funds				
Gilt & Fxd Int	28.75	29.12†	+ 0.15	7.50
Intl Bond	29.12	30.34†	+ 0.01	5.07
Income Funds				
High Income	27.21	28.63†	+ 0.04	4.99
Income Plus	118.20	125.70	- 0.80	4.01
Amer Eq Inc	46.74	49.56	- 0.16	1.52
European Income	44.49	47.31	- 0.01	1.87
Far East Inc	64.83	69.13	- 0.04	2.07
Global Convertible	23.91	25.51†	- 0.13	2.89
Equity Funds				
ASEAN	60.46	64.50	+ 0.16	...
American	230.60	244.80	- 0.10	...
Amer Spec Sits	105.10	112.20	+ 0.40	...
Japan Smaller Cos	46.35	48.44	+ 0.02	...
European	166.00	176.60	- 0.20	...
European Opps	62.47	66.43†	+ 0.14	...
UK Growth	87.89	93.46	...	...
Growth & Inc	151.30	160.80	- 0.40	2.31
Intl PEP	35.53	37.78	- 0.05	...
Japan Spec Sits	103.00	110.00	- 0.10	...
Japan	215.70	230.00	- 0.40	...
Managed Intl	270.40	288.90	- 0.50	...
Moneybuilder	53.32	56.70	- 0.06	...
Recovery	46.93	49.90†	+ 0.17	...
South E Asia	150.10	160.20	+ 0.30	...
Special Sits	533.90	567.70	+ 1.40	...
Specialist Funds				
UK Index	106.40	112.10	- 0.80	2.85
UK Reverse Index	78.59	82.83	+ 0.69	4.16
Europe Index	108.50	114.30	+ 0.30	4.38
-do- Reverse Index	67.52	71.13	+ 0.74	7.76
America Index	97.42	102.70	- 0.40	0.51
-do- Reverse Index	97.21	102.30	+ 0.30	0.57
Japan Index	137.30	144.60	- 0.10	0.51
-do- Reverse Index	93.65	98.78	+ 0.82	1.14
Cash Accum Units	105.09	105.09	+ 0.03	4.20
FLEMING PRIVATE FUND MGMT LTD				
20 Finsbury St, Lond EC2Y 9AQ 071 814 2700				
Balanced	138.60	142.00†	...	1.62
Inc Ptflio	89.45	91.19	- 0.25	3.63
Cap Ptflio	144.30	147.00	- 0.40	0.64
General Opps	125.40	127.40†	...	3.09
Growth Inc	30.94	31.66	+ 0.03	1.19
Private Portfolio	398.90	407.70	...	1.50
FOREIGN & COLONIAL UNIT MGT				
Admin, PO Box 2001, Brentwood, Essex				
CM13 1XR Enq: 071 454 1434 Dlg: 0277 261 018				
Hypo Foreign & Colonial				
European	113.70	120.30	- 0.40	0.44
Far Eastern	181.80	194.90	+ 0.10	...
High Income	22.31	23.78†	- 0.02	10.73
Oseas Income	97.13	103.70	- 0.10	3.08
UK Growth	115.80	123.80	- 1.20	0.86
UK Income	107.70	115.60	- 0.40	5.36
US Smaller Cos	287.00	306.90	+ 1.50	...
FOSTER & BRAITHWAITE FUND MANAGEMENT LTD				
1 White Hart Yard, London SE1 1NX				
071 407 5966				
High Inc Eqty	48.90	52.02	...	3.96
-do- Inv Tst Inc	78.16	83.15†	...	4.47
Intl Growth	71.21	75.76	...	1.19
Investment Trust	91.96	97.83†	...	0.14
UK Smaller Cos	85.93	91.42	...	1.20
FRAMLINGTON UNIT MGMT LTD				
155 Bishopsgate, London EC2M 3FT				
071 374 4100				
American Growth	52.17	55.77†	+ 0.02	...
(Accum Units)	52.17	55.77†	+ 0.02	...
Amer Smllr Cos	466.10	498.40	- 1.20	...
(Accum Units)	476.20	509.20	- 1.20	...
Capital Tst	328.30	349.00†	+ 0.50	1.39
(Accum Units)	464.10	493.60†	+ 0.50	1.39
Contl Smllr Cos	62.31	67.50	+ 0.21	0.38
(Accum Units)	65.14	70.56	+ 0.22	0.38
Convertible	135.80	144.40	- 0.20	5.08
(Accum Units)	263.00	279.70	- 0.40	5.08
Emerging Markets	74.87	79.98	+ 0.90	...
(Accum Units)	74.93	80.05	+ 0.90	...
European	119.10	126.80	...	0.19
(Accum Units)	124.20	132.10	...	0.19
Extra Income	332.30	353.40	- 1.00	3.57
(Accum Units)	481.80	512.40	- 1.40	3.57
Financial	121.50	130.60	+ 0.20	0.43
(Accum Units)	127.80	137.40	+ 0.20	0.43
Gilt Trust	62.84	64.80†	- 0.78	6.06
(Accum Units)	85.42	88.08†	- 1.06	6.06
Health Fund Inc	123.60	132.00	- 0.50	...
(Accum Units)	123.60	132.00	- 0.50	...
Income & Growth	197.30	209.80	- 0.80	3.35
(Accum Units)	285.70	303.90	- 1.20	3.35
Intl Growth	363.80	390.80	- 1.20	...
(Accum Units)	404.00	434.70	- 1.30	...
Japan & Gen	202.30	216.70	- 0.80	...
(Accum Units)	204.40	218.90	- 0.80	...
Managed Port Inc	105.20	110.70†	...	0.51
(Accum Units)	111.40	117.20†	...	0.51
Monthly Income	167.70	178.30	- 0.70	3.66
Quarterly Income	55.26	58.78	- 0.11	4.37
(Accum Units)	56.99	60.62	- 0.12	4.37
Recovery	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	0.08
(Accum Units)	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
UK Growth	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
(Accum Units)	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
FRIENDS PROVIDENT UNIT TRUSTS				
Castle Street, Salisbury, Wilts				
Dealing: 0722 411 411 Admin: 0722 411 622				
FP Equity Dist	379.56	403.79	...	2.62
-do- Accum	783.00	832.98	...	2.62
FP Euro Gth Dist	133.09	141.59	+ 0.32	0.27
-do- Accum	138.23	147.05	+ 0.33	0.27
FP Fixed Int Dist	133.35	141.09†	+ 0.72	6.22
-do- Accum	233.71	247.21†	+ 1.27	6.22
FP Intl Gth Dist	93.45	99.41	+ 0.35	0.34
-do- Accum	97.27	103.48	+ 0.36	0.34
FP Nth Amer Dist	184.22	195.15	+ 1.50	0.59
-do- Accum	201.20	213.23	+ 1.64	0.59
FP Pac Basin Dist	321.79	342.32	+ 0.51	0.05
-do- Accum	327.82	348.85	+ 0.52	0.05
Stewardship Dist	342.50	364.36	- 0.31	1.84
-do- Accum	411.09	437.33	- 0.38	1.84
Stwrdshp Inc Dist	74.18	78.91	- 0.02	3.20
-do- Accum	93.46	99.43	- 0.02	3.20
N Am Stshp Dist	98.29	104.56	- 0.55	0.53
-do- Accum	104.06	110.70	- 0.57	0.53
GA UNIT TRUST MGRS LTD				
PO Box 237, York YO1 1LA 0345 581 106/7				
GANDA	235.90	249.50	+ 0.10	1.97
Cash	49.63	50.37	+ 0.02	4.34
Growth Portfolio	81.61	86.51	+ 0.26	0.35
Income Portfolio	67.36	71.23	- 0.01	3.50
GT UNIT MANAGERS LTD				
Alban Gate, 14th Floor, 125 London Wall, London EC2Y 5AS 071 710 4567				
Dealing: 071 626 9432				
Amer Spec Sits	162.40	173.70†	+ 0.10	...
European	539.70	577.30	- 0.20	1.25
Far East & Gen	282.70	302.40	+ 2.10	...
Germany	127.60	135.70	+ 0.13	...
Income Inc	152.70	163.40	...	4.32
International	339.20	362.80	+ 2.40	...
Intl Income	81.91	87.05	- 0.41	4.06
Japan & General	437.80	466.40†	- 0.20	...
Korean Securities	70.69	75.61	+ 1.22	0.17
Smllr Cos Div Inc	52.60	56.26	+ 0.03	3.99
UK Capital (Inc)	187.10	200.10	- 1.40	1.75
UK Spec Sits	92.56	99.00	+ 0.04	0.34
US & General	128.00	136.20	- 0.60	...
Wwide Spec Sits	158.20	169.20	+ 0.90	0.09
GARTMORE FUND MANAGERS				
Gartmore House, 16-18 Monument St, London EC3R 8AJ 071 782 2000 Digs only: 0277 264 421				
Investor Services Freephone 0800 289 336				
UK Growth Funds				
British Growth	50.92	54.46	- 0.18	1.87
Cash Trust	132.91	132.91†	+ 0.04	4.27
Practical Inv Inc	115.43	123.45†	- 0.18	3.56
UK Index	144.42	146.83†	- 0.44	2.95
UK Smaller Cos	124.28	132.92	- 0.08	0.84
Income Funds				
Preference Share	26.00	27.81†	+ 0.07	8.81
High Income	33.90	36.26	+ 0.02	4.74
UK Equity Income	135.76	145.20	- 0.29	3.68
Global Bond	28.95	30.08†	- 0.05	4.72
International Funds				
Frontier Markets	58.07	62.11†	+ 0.75	...
Global Inc & Gth	133.59	142.46†	- 0.27	1.43
Gold & Intl Res	104.85	112.14	- 0.67	0.90
Global Utilities	128.67	137.62	+ 0.09	0.80
Overseas Funds				
American	132.70	142.12	+ 0.32	0.91
European	96.96	102.63†	+ 0.03	0.74
Euro Sel Opps	134.28	142.47	+ 0.15	...
Amer Emerging	93.53	100.03	- 0.76	...
Hong Kong	149.49	159.88†	- 0.76	1.39
Japan	263.12	279.76	- 1.25	...
Pacific Growth	219.41	234.66	- 0.30	1.19
Gartmore Pensions Strategy Funds				
Managed Equity	212.09	212.09†	- 0.58	1.76
Long Term Bal	229.80	229.80†	- 0.62	2.23
Med Term Bal	190.68	190.68†	- 2.62	2.85
UK Equity	236.36	236.36	- 0.86	2.20
UK Emerging Cos	145.56	145.56	+ 0.22	1.72
American	221.84	221.84†	- 0.24	1.31
Japan	143.23	143.23†	- 1.29	...
European	250.60	250.60†	- 0.13	0.99
Index Linked Gilt	165.98	165.98	- 0.28	2.22
Fixed Interest	154.84	154.84	- 0.25	6.34
Amer Emergng	242.37	242.37†	+ 1.80	...
Pacific	240.56	240.56	+ 2.09	0.69
Emerging Mkts	164.65	164.65	+ 3.06	...
Index Strat Japan	164.43	164.43	...	0.21
-do- Pacific Rim	193.26	193.26	...	1.00
-do- Cont Europe	147.73	147.73	...	1.56
Index Strat USA	125.35	125.35	...	2.30
Gartmore Personal Pension Funds				
Managed Equity	100.23	106.03	- 0.29	...
Med Term Bal	91.67	97.53	- 0.22	...
Long Term Bal	103.53	110.14	- 0.29	...
UK Equity	109.14	116.11	- 0.42	...
UK Emerging Cos	68.26	72.61	- 0.10	...
American	103.01	109.59	- 0.12	...
Japan	68.90	73.30	- 0.66	...
European	104.45	111.12	- 0.08	...
Fixed Interest	78.75	82.71	- 0.41	...
Index Linked Gilt	73.54	78.23	- 0.13	...
Deposit	77.26	82.19	+ 0.02	...
Broker Unit Trusts				
Berkeley Int Grth	125.03	131.61	- 1.27	...
Berkeley Income	113.58	119.56	- 0.11	2.13
BWH Intl	138.32	145.60	+ 0.86	0.58
Brdlff Gth Port Inc	61.65	65.10	- 0.33	1.25
-do- Inc Port Inc	57.49	60.68†	+ 0.16	3.40
-do- Wwide Port	53.60	56.57	- 0.44	0.50
Shaw Utilities	50.39	53.60	- 0.58	3.97
GLENFRIARS UNIT TST MGRS LTD				
22 Suffolk St, London SW1Y 4HS 071 930 7533				
Inv Opportunities	142.70	150.90	...	0.03
Higher Income	133.70	140.40†	...	1.91
GLOBAL ASSET MANAGEMENT				
GAM Sterling Management Ltd				
12 St James's Place, London SW1 071 493 9990				
& Intl Inc	557.15	592.71	...	0.09
European Inc	144.12	153.32	...	...
Amalgam Inc	149.73	158.33	...	...
N America Inc	319.09	340.41	...	...
Far East Inc	345.23	367.27	...	0.20
UK Divid Inc	167.33	178.01	...	...
GOVETT (JOHN) UNIT MGMT LTD				
Shackleton House, 4 Battle Bridge Lane, London SE1 071 378 7979 Dealing: 071 407 2888				
UK Equity Inc	82.75	87.26†	- 1.50	3.91
UK Small Cos	51.16	54.71	...	0.81
British Growth	55.05	58.06	- 0.56	2.12
American Gwth	151.45	161.98	+ 1.48	...
Japan Gwth	88.43	94.58	- 0.02	...

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
Greater China	193.58	207.03	+ 1.42	...
Pacific Strategy	167.16	178.79	- 0.61	...
European Gwth	86.19	92.19	+ 0.82	0.17
Intl Growth	148.43	158.75	+ 1.99	0.97
US Index (E)	13.18	13.89	- 0.03	1.90
FT-SE Mid 250 Ind	78.59	83.14	- 0.18	1.89
Monthly Income	40.69	43.22†	- 0.14	10.00
MIS Unit Trust Dealing: 071 865 0335				
Dollar Cash (E)	10.53	10.58	...	1.90
Grd UK Index (E)	10.40	10.96	- 0.15	3.60
GRANVILLE UNIT TST MGMT LTD				
Mint Hse, 77 Mansell St, London E1 8AF				
071 488 1212				
Small Cos	93.92	99.91	...	1.18
Bridge Income	260.21	276.81†	...	5.40
GUARDIAN ROYAL EX UT MGRS LTD				
36 Harbour Exchange Sq, London E14 9GE				
071 538 9668				
Cash	135.00	135.00†	...	4.60
European	479.60	512.30	+ 2.40	0.13
Gilt & Fixed	129.60	137.60	+ 0.70	4.64
Growth Equity	338.70	361.80	+ 0.30	2.04
Income Trust	124.90	133.40	- 0.70	2.92
International	184.40	197.00†	- 0.10	...
Japan Trust	138.60	148.00	- 0.60	...
Nth American	263.30	281.30†	- 1.80	...
Pacific	557.80	596.00†	+ 0.40	...
Guardhill	496.80	530.70	- 0.30	1.82
GUINNESS FLIGHT UT MGRS LTD				
5 Gainsford Street, London SE1 2NE				
071 522 2129				
EMU Trust	110.44	114.66	- 1.05	7.61
Global High Inc	114.44	118.81	+ 1.36	8.14
Prem Fixed Int	107.64	111.75	+ 0.82	8.32
Eqty & Bond Inc	101.82	108.26†	+ 0.49	4.84
European Growth	98.18	104.38	+ 1.69	...
Intl PEP Trust	61.09	64.95	+ 0.98	...
High Income	118.13	125.60	+ 0.53	3.47
Recovery	388.00	412.60†	- 0.20	1.15
St Vinc High Inc	130.29	132.24	+ 0.61	6.69
Tmp Bar Emer Co	253.40	269.40	- 1.60	0.73
Tmp Br Sm Co In	375.60	382.30	+ 0.90	1.42
HALIFAX STANDARD TST MGT LTD				
PO Box 600, Edinburgh EH15 1EW				
0800 838 868				
Global Advtg Inc	39.19	41.55	+ 0.40	1.61
Income Advtg Inc	31.66	33.57†	+ 0.20	3.63
HAMBROS UNIT TRUST MGRS LTD				
5 Rayleigh Rd, Hutton, Brentwood, Essex				
Enquiries: 0277 227 300 Dealing: 0277 690 390				
Model Ptflio	201.60	213.90	- 0.30	1.75
Smaller Cos	35.35	37.61	+ 0.04	1.09
HENDERSON UNIT TST MGMT LTD				
PO Box 2157, Brentwood, Essex CM14 4ET				
Enquiries: 0277 263 290 Dealing: 0277 234 772				
UK Funds				
Special Sits	299.00	319.93	+ 0.45	1.03
Best of British	63.11	67.54	- 0.16	2.33
UK Smaller Cos	124.22	133.53	- 0.04	0.96
High Income Funds				
Income & Growth	278.00	296.07	- 1.00	2.90
High Income	326.83	349.39†	- 0.36	3.68
Extra Income	282.75	301.01†	- 0.92	4.91
Pref & Gilt	48.02	51.62†	- 0.13	8.05
International				
International	268.09	286.02†	- 0.04	0.09
Global Bond	55.05	58.37†	- 0.06	6.28
Family of Funds	81.74	87.18	- 0.41	0.40
Global Tech	143.31	153.27	- 0.45	...
Overseas Funds				
Asian Enterprise	180.17	192.67	+ 1.52	0.12
European	476.43	505.14†	+ 1.68	0.20
European Income	84.79	89.79	+ 0.05	2.59
Euro Smlr Cos	148.11	159.09†	+ 0.97	0.20
Eur Sp Sits	68.64	73.33†	+ 0.07	0.30
Japan Trust	226.08	240.63	- 0.99	...
Japan Special Sits	264.71	282.01†	- 1.72	...
Pacific Smlr Cos	257.03	273.45†	+ 2.73	0.10
North American	234.28	249.42	+ 1.02	0.03
American Smaller	99.36	106.21†	+ 1.10	...
Henderson TR Pension Portfolio				
American Growth	52.78	55.94	+ 0.58	...
Eur Sp Sits	58.91	62.44	- 0.05	...
General Growth	41.97	44.48	- 0.15	...
Global Tech	56.07	59.43	- 0.17	...
Income Growth	41.74	44.24	- 0.15	...
Japan Growth	27.65	29.30	- 0.12	...
Overseas Growth	39.12	41.46	+ 0.01	...
Smaller Cos	21.98	23.29	+ 0.01	...
Special Opps	29.08	30.82	- 0.01	...
Wwide Sp Sits	48.86	51.79	+ 0.01	...
HILL SAMUEL UNIT TST MGRS				
NLA Tower Addiscombe Road, Croydon				
081 686 4355				
British	98.36	105.10	- 0.60	1.79
Capital	174.00	186.00	- 0.50	1.38
Dollar	333.90	357.10†	- 1.20	...
European	242.50	259.30	- 0.50	0.20
Far East	333.70	356.80	+ 2.30	0.07
Financial	796.90	852.20†	- 2.70	0.97
Gilt & Fxd Int Inc	25.89	26.89†	+ 0.13	7.62
High Yield	109.30	117.10	- 0.30	3.85
Income & Growth	146.70	156.80	- 0.30	2.93
International	250.70	268.10	- 0.30	0.01
Japanese General	215.90	230.90	- 0.30	...
Japan Tech	87.05	93.10	- 0.34	...
Nat Resources	71.05	75.98†	- 0.53	...
Portfolio	73.92	79.05	- 0.18	1.69
Security	329.10	351.90	- 1.50	1.76
Smaller Cos	134.80	144.10†	- 0.10	0.90
Special Sits	152.90	163.50	- 0.60	1.11
UK Emerging Cos	94.25	100.80	- 0.20	0.08
US Smaller Cos	71.50	76.47	+ 0.08	...
HSBC UNIT TRUST MGMT LTD				
7 Devonshire Square, London EC2M 4HU				
Dlg: 071 955 5050 Enq: 0800 289 505				
James Capel Unit Trusts				
Dlg: 071 955 5050 Enq: 0800 289 505				
Index Funds				
American Index	191.60	204.40	- 1.10	1.42
Eurotrack 100	156.00	166.00	...	0.95
Footsie Fund	51.49	54.52	- 0.14	2.20
Japan Index	85.76	91.33	- 0.31	0.10
Tiger Index	[illegible]	[illegible]	- 2.30	[illegible]
Trade Index	[illegible]	[illegible]	+ 0.19	[illegible]
UK Index	137.20	146.40	- 0.30	2.82
Active Funds				
American Growth	462.40	493.50†	- 0.10	0.39
Asian	56.67	60.48	+ 0.62	0.35
Capital	579.20	618.10†	- 3.20	1.63
European Growth	114.50	121.60	+ 0.80	...
Global Bond	22.79	24.07	+ 0.01	5.90
Hong Kong Gwth	108.00	115.30†	- 0.70	0.55
Income	550.80	587.80†	- 2.20	4.00
Intl Growth	78.94	84.25	- 0.05	0.06
Japan Growth	312.60	333.60	- 0.80	...
Japan Smllr Cos	39.96	42.65	- 0.10	...
Spore & Mlysn Gth	78.39	83.66	+ 2.96	...
Midland Unit Trusts				
Dealing 0742 529200				
Enquiries 0742 529076				
Balanced	59.95	64.12†	- 0.05	2.63
(Accum Units)	62.27	66.59†	- 0.06	2.63
British Tst	81.83	87.52	- 0.31	1.94
(Accum Units)	94.25	100.80	- 0.30	1.94
Extra High Inc	70.33	75.22†	+ 0.09	5.91
(Accum Units)	130.10	139.10†	+ 0.20	5.91
Gilt & Fxd Int	53.04	57.28	- 0.32	6.51
(Accum Units)	152.50	158.70	- 0.90	6.51
High Yield	231.40	247.50	...	4.54
(Accum Units)	555.40	594.00	...	4.54
Income	297.20	317.90	- 1.00	2.83
(Accum Units)	635.30	679.40	- 2.40	2.83
Money Market UT	49.54	49.54	+ 0.01	4.52
(Accum Units)	75.17	75.17	+ 0.02	4.52
Monthly Income	87.00	96.06†	- 0.07	4.21
Midland Personal Pension Unit Trust				
British	97.38	103.60	- 0.40	1.90
European Growth	110.30	117.30	+ 0.70	0.02
Gilt & Fixed	82.30	87.31	- 0.47	6.35
Income	85.67	91.14	- 0.27	2.90
Japan Growth	59.12	62.89	- 0.16	...
Managed	67.19	71.48	- 0.06	2.46
Money Market	83.71	88.73	+ 0.03	4.53
North American	85.41	90.86	...	0.49
Midland FSAVCS Unit Trust				
British	88.52	94.17	- 0.32	1.88
European Growth	103.90	110.50	+ 0.70	0.01
Gilt & Fixed Int	78.44	83.21	- 0.45	6.32
Income	84.18	89.55	- 0.27	2.87
Japan Growth	58.91	62.67	- 0.16	...
Managed	64.28	68.38	- 0.06	2.43
Money Market	77.37	82.01	+ 0.03	4.48
North American	77.87	82.84	...	0.59
Midland Executive Pension Unit Trust				
British	88.73	94.39	- 0.33	1.86
European Growth	101.40	107.90	+ 0.70	...
Gilt & Fixed Int	72.40	76.80	- 0.43	6.43
Income	83.50	88.83	- 0.28	2.88
Japan Growth	60.35	64.20	- 0.17	...
Managed	67.40	71.74	- 0.07	2.42
Money Market	72.48	76.83	+ 0.02	4.53
North American	86.25	91.75	+ 0.01	0.46
INVESCO FUND MANAGERS LTD				
11 Devonshire Square, London EC2M 4YR				
071 626 3434 Dealing: 0800 010 733				
UK Specialist Trusts				
Investment Tst	72.17	76.68	- 0.18	0.27
Smaller Cos	32.73	34.77	+ 0.04	1.14
Special Features	31.78	33.76†	- 0.12	1.42
(Accum Units)	38.15	40.53†	- 0.14	1.42
General Funds				
Assets & Earnings	76.76	81.55	- 0.28	1.88
Accum Units	92.28	98.04	- 0.34	1.88
General Equities	73.48	78.07	- 0.48	2.72
Great British Cos	52.48	56.10	- 0.20	1.89
Managed Invest	101.90	108.90	...	1.48
PEP Managed	72.54	77.43	- 0.02	2.20
Rupert Child Tst	81.09	86.53†	- 0.27	1.96
UK Growth	59.03	63.15	- 0.13	1.69
High Income Funds				
Cashbox (Dist)	50.33	50.33	+ 0.01	3.75
Cashbox (Acc)	57.67	57.67	+ 0.01	3.75
Extra Income	86.20	92.19	- 0.30	4.90
Gilt	27.86	29.36	- 0.13	6.19
Income & Growth	41.34	44.12†	- 0.22	3.28
Minstar Gilt & FI	74.80	76.48†	+ 0.23	7.29
Preference Shares	19.19	20.38	- 0.03	6.15
UK Income	336.30	359.10†	- 0.50	3.29
Sector Specialist Funds				
Fin Securities	66.79	70.98	- 0.13	0.85
Property Shares	79.73	85.91†	- 0.28	1.24
Overseas Growth Funds				
American Growth	50.38	53.53†	- 0.06	0.58
US Smaller Cos	110.70	117.10	...	...
(Accum Units)	111.90	118.40	+ 0.10	...
Europe Perf	155.30	165.10	+ 0.60	...
(Accum Units)	160.60	170.70	+ 0.60	...
Euro Smaller Cos	29.58	31.38	+ 0.11	...
French Growth	77.20	82.76	+ 0.52	0.04
Accum Units	83.24	88.66	+ 0.56	0.04
H Kong & China	88.94	95.79	+ 0.29	1.62
Intl Growth	58.25	61.89	...	0.30
Accum Units	58.54	62.19	...	0.30
Japan Perf	37.76	40.11	- 0.08	...
Accum Units	37.76	40.11	- 0.08	...
Japan Smaller Cos	48.14	51.14	- 0.18	...
Singapore ASEAN	113.70	122.80	+ 2.60	...
Accum Units	114.50	123.70	+ 2.60	...
SE Asia	332.10	352.80†	+ 5.30	0.17
Overseas Income Funds				
Global Income	92.99	99.09	- 0.14	1.48
Intl Bond	53.75	56.47	- 0.05	6.62
JUPITER MERLIN UT MGRS LTD				
197 Knightsbridge, London SW7 1RB				
071 581 3020				
American Cap	145.90	155.30	- 2.90	...
Income	139.14	148.02	- 0.53	4.05
Res & General	...	...	...	...
UK Growth	53.22	56.62	- 0.01	0.95
International	86.36	91.88	+ 0.23	0.24
Ecology	81.18	86.36†	+ 0.20	...
European	115.80	122.68	- 0.27	...
Far Eastern	329.40	350.50	- 5.30	...
KLEINWORT BENSON UNIT TRUSTS				
10 Fenchurch Street London EC3				
Dealers: 0277 227 300				
Income Trusts				
Extra Income	53.97	57.41†	+ 0.24	6.81
Gilt Yield	116.50	123.00†	- 1.30	7.10
Global Income	225.90	240.30	+ 2.43	3.59
High Yield	143.80	153.00	- 1.00	5.65
Smlr Cos Div	58.14	61.85	- 0.03	2.80
Capital Growth Trusts				
Amer Smllr Cos	93.14	99.09	+ 0.48	...
North American	75.20	80.00	+ 0.03	0.31
European Special	97.46	103.70	- 0.32	1.21
European	154.80	164.70	- 0.40	1.19
General	281.80	299.80	- 1.70	3.00
Japan	464.90	494.60	- 0.90	...
Japanese Special	273.40	290.90†	+ 0.70	...
Master Accum	250.10	266.10	+ 2.80	0.81

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
Pacific	353.10	375.60†	+ 1.00	0.22
Smaller Cos	120.80	128.50	+ 0.21	0.90
UK Equity Growth	44.12	46.94	- 0.07	1.66
KNIGHT WILLIAMS PRTFOL MGRS				
161 New Bond Street, London W1Y 9LA				
071 629 1683				
Global Inc & Gth	66.11	69.27	+ 0.11	0.80
Inv Trust	71.19	75.74	- 0.03	...
Cautious Inc/Gth	61.14	65.04	+ 0.26	1.40
High Inc Acc	56.21	59.80	- 0.03	3.50
L & C UNIT TST MGMT LTD				
Broadwalk Hse, 5 Appold St EC2A 2DA				
071 588 2800				
Income	626.80	639.60	...	4.90
Intl & General	436.00	444.90	...	0.09
LAURENCE KEEN UNIT TRUST MGMT				
1 White Hart Yard SE1 071 407 5966				
Inc & Growth Inc	57.58	61.26	...	4.08
Smaller Cos	55.93	59.19	...	0.84
LAURENTIAN UNIT TST MGMT LTD				
Laurentian Hse, Barnwood, Gloucester				
GL4 7RZ Enq: 0452 371 500 Dlg: 0452 371 623				
Growth Trust	252.90	269.00	- 0.20	1.69
High Income	111.00	118.10	- 0.30	3.73
International	95.57	101.70	+ 0.50	0.38
Recovery Trust	65.67	69.86	+ 0.50	1.21
European Trust	84.51	89.90†	+ 0.07	0.48
Japanese Trust	48.38	51.36	- 0.07	...
American Trust	77.78	82.74	+ 0.47	0.13
Managed	67.39	71.69†	- 0.10	0.40
Cash	50.15	50.15†	+ 0.01	3.97
LAZARD UNIT TST MGRS LTD				
21 Moorfields, London EC2P 2HT 071 374 0916				
UK Cap	351.40	357.00	...	2.15
UK Inc/Gth	382.60	388.70	...	2.90
UK Income	269.90	274.40	...	3.67
UK Sm Cos	256.10	265.40	...	1.45
Euro Gwth	123.80	124.70†	...	...
N Amer Gwth	74.84	75.76†	...	0.09
Jap & Pac Gth	85.79	86.86†	...	...
Money Mkt	118.46	118.46	...	2.330
LEGAL & GENERAL (UT MGRS) LTD				
5 Rayleigh Road, Hutton, Brentwood, Essex				
Enquiries: 0277 227 300 Dealing: 0277 690 395				
Equity Dist	464.50	494.10†	- 1.30	2.46
Equity Income	101.00	107.40	- 0.40	3.09
UK Tactical Allocn	54.64	58.02†	- 0.58	2.81
European	115.10	122.40	- 0.40	0.84
Far Eastern	243.30	258.80	- 0.10	...
Fixed Interest	52.71	55.99†	- 0.12	7.27
Gilt	89.44	94.83†	- 0.62	6.65
Global Growth	80.35	85.48	...	0.44
Intl Bond	54.07	57.39	- 0.06	5.11
Japanese	83.15	88.46	- 0.49	...
North American	148.30	157.80	- 0.50	0.49
Pacific Growth	118.90	126.50†	+ 0.20	...
UK Index	61.51	64.92†	- 0.17	2.99
UK Recovery	92.39	98.29†	+ 0.01	1.53
UK Smaller Cos	127.80	136.00	+ 0.10	0.99
US Index	57.73	60.93	- 0.36	1.90
European Index	73.94	78.04	- 0.09	1.51
Japan Index	44.91	47.40	- 0.19	...
Worldwide	86.26	91.77	- 0.14	0.89
LINCOLN NATIONAL				
1 Olympic Way, Wembley HA9 0NB				
081 902 8876 Dealing: 0800 262 621				
Growth	48.79	52.18	- 0.58	2.68
Income	59.56	63.70	- 0.33	3.68
Far East	59.00	63.10†	- 0.06	...
North American	93.67	100.70†	+ 0.40	...
Global	96.49	103.20†	- 0.70	0.66
European	87.34	93.34†	- 0.19	0.99
Japan	120.80	129.20	- 0.20	...
Intl Currency Bd	58.19	61.68†	+ 0.08	6.17
SE Asia	119.60	127.90†	+ 0.70	0.73
UK Cap Growth	91.49	97.85†	- 0.50	1.88
LLOYDS BK UNIT TST MGRS LTD				
PO Box 63, Chatham, Kent ME4 4YB				
Helpdesk: 0634 834 339 Dealing: 0634 834 313				
Balanced	345.20	367.30	- 0.10	2.59
-do- Acc	766.20	815.20	- 0.20	2.59
Contl Euro Gth	62.60	66.90	+ 0.06	0.88
-do- Acc	66.68	70.19	+ 0.07	0.88
Extra Inc	258.00	274.50	- 3.00	3.74
-do- Acc	647.00	688.30	- 7.60	3.74
German Gth	128.70	135.50	+ 0.60	...
-do- Acc	135.00	142.20	+ 0.70	...
Growth Port	550.20	585.40	+ 0.40	0.09
-do- Acc	554.90	590.40	+ 0.40	0.09
Income	480.60	511.30†	- 1.30	3.67
-do- Acc	£12.70	£13.52	- 4.00	3.67
Income Port	512.60	545.40	- 0.60	3.83
-do- Acc	530.00	563.90	- 0.60	3.83
Japan Growth	113.50	120.80	- 0.40	...
-do- Acc	113.90	121.20	- 0.40	...
Master Trust	58.55	62.29	...	1.46
-do- Acc	64.45	68.57	...	1.46
N American Gen	180.10	191.60	+ 0.70	...
-do- Acc	208.00	221.30	+ 0.80	...
NAm Sm Co Rec	134.50	143.10	...	...
-do- Acc	137.30	146.10	...	...
Pacific Basin	264.60	281.50	+ 0.70	0.50
-do- Acc	280.70	298.70	+ 0.90	0.50
Small Cos Rec	366.40	385.70	+ 1.30	1.96
-do- Acc	481.20	506.60	+ 1.80	1.96
UK Growth	86.49	92.02	+ 1.30	2.11
-do- Acc	102.70	109.30	+ 1.40	2.11
Worldwide Gth	321.10	341.60	+ 0.20	0.17
-do- Acc	473.60	503.90	+ 0.20	0.17
LONDON & MANCHESTER TST MGMT				
Winslade Park, Exeter EX5 1DS 0392 282 673				
American	63.40	68.03	- 0.03	0.30
General	87.80	94.21	+ 0.01	2.50
Income	68.20	73.18†	+ 0.19	5.00
International	65.29	70.05	+ 0.12	0.70
Japan	62.75	67.33	- 0.11	...
Tst of Inv Trusts	69.90	75.00†	- 0.12	1.60
M & G SECURITIES				
M & G House, Victoria Road, Chelmsford CM1 1FB Cust Svcs/Units Dlg: 0245 390 390				
Amer & General	387.40	409.70	+ 0.10	0.86
Amer Recovery	445.30	470.90†	+ 0.75	0.36
Amer Smllr Cos	124.30	131.40	+ 0.10	...
Australasian	167.60	177.20	- 0.70	1.46
Capital	826.90	874.40	- 0.30	2.02
Charifund	711.10	718.30	- 0.90	5.08
Commodity	388.50	411.90	- 0.40	0.30
Compound Grth	924.30	977.40†	- 1.58	2.44
Dividend	40.80	43.10	- 0.10	4.10
Equity Income	356.90	377.40	+ 1.70	4.58
Euro & General	516.80	546.50	+ 4.20	0.61
Euro Dividend	72.30	76.50	+ 0.60	3.35
Extra Yield	420.00	444.20†	- 1.40	4.44
Far Eastern	383.10	405.10	+ 0.70	0.44
Fund of Inv Tsts	635.10	671.60	+ 0.40	1.70
General	61.30	64.80	- 0.10	3.60
Gilt Income	62.52	62.61	+ 0.49	6.70
Gold	64.00	67.70	- 1.00	0.84
High Income	28.90	30.60	- 0.10	4.35
Intl Growth	78.30	82.80	+ 0.10	0.81
International Inc	102.50	108.40†	+ 0.30	4.27
Japan & Gen	52.00	55.00†	- 0.10	...
Japan Smlr Cos	187.00	197.70†	...	...
Managed Income	28.10	29.50†	+ 0.10	3.75
Midland	66.20	70.00†	- 0.07	2.44
Pension Ex	961.00	985.10	- 0.60	3.86
Recovery	43.20	45.70	- 0.20	2.09
Second General	72.20	76.30	- 0.10	3.28
Smaller Cos	72.90	77.10	+ 0.30	2.49
Treasury	25.00	25.04†	...	4.66
Trustee	42.70	45.20†	- 0.10	4.07
MGM UNIT MANAGERS LTD				
MGM House, Heene Rd, Worthing				
Dealing: 0277 261 010 Enq: 0903 204 631				
European Growth	82.75	88.03†	+ 0.25	0.43
High Income	286.00	304.20†	- 0.50	4.33
Intl Bond	65.87	69.28	- 0.25	5.41
Intl Equity Growth	71.48	76.04	- 0.05	0.39
N Amer Growth	94.15	100.15†	- 0.15	0.84
Special Sits Growth	22.69	24.13†	+ 0.09	1.26
UK Growth	372.00	395.70†	+ 0.20	2.56
MW INVESTMENT MANAGERS LTD				
46 Court St, Haddington, E Lothian				
062 082 5867				
John Investors	£12.82	£13.11	...	2.60
MALDON UNIT TRUST MGRS LTD				
c/o Baillie Gifford 1 Rutland Ct EH3 8EY				
031 222 4242				
Maldon General	142.90	147.20†	...	3.90
MANULIFE MANAGEMENT LTD				
St George's Way, Stevenage				
Dealings: 0438 747 434				
Growth Units	189.00	202.10	- 0.30	2.17
Gilt & Fxd Int	173.40	182.60	+ 0.80	7.05
Intl Growth	213.60	227.70	+ 0.20	0.21
North American	175.80	187.80	- 0.40	0.49
Far East	276.90	296.20	+ 1.20	0.90
UK Smaller Cos	174.70	186.80	+ 0.10	1.59
European	83.16	88.41	+ 0.55	0.22
Japanese Growth	51.82	55.15	- 0.06	...
Managed Ptflio	...	...	...	...
High Income	184.20	197.00	- 0.10	4.19
MARKS & SPENCER UNIT TRUST LTD				
PO Box 410, Chester X CH99 9QG 0244 680 066				
M & S Inv Ptflo	150.50	160.00	- 0.31	1.96
-do- Accum	169.60	180.60	- 0.31	1.96
UK Sel Ptflo	128.30	136.50	- 0.29	2.15
-do- Accum	146.30	155.60	- 0.29	2.15
MARLBOROUGH FUND MGRS LTD				
57 Victoria Square, Bolton BL1 1LA				
0204 364 842				
Managed Tst	65.84	70.04	...	3.75
MARTIN CURRIE UNIT TRUSTS LTD				
Saltire Ct, 20 Castle Terrace, Edinburgh				
031 479 4646				
Intl Income	74.77	79.37†	...	4.05
European	83.26	88.39	+ 0.95	0.42
Income & Growth	76.33	81.03	...	2.93
Nth American	57.39	60.92	- 0.21	0.36
Far East	175.70	184.40	+ 3.00	...
Charities	117.80	125.00	- 0.30	3.41
Japan	61.89	65.70†	- 0.27	...
Emging Mkts	110.60	118.30	+ 2.00	0.20
Intl Growth	109.30	116.00†	+ 0.20	0.06
UK Growth	90.45	96.02	- 0.01	0.56
Asian Opps Fd	40.19	42.68	+ 0.17	...
MERCURY FUND MANAGERS LTD				
33 King William St EC4R 9AS				
Dealing: 071 280 2860				
American	195.70	208.40	...	...
(Accum Units)	209.20	222.70	...	...
American Opps	86.18	91.93	...	...
(Accum Units)	87.26	93.08	...	...
British Blue Chip	78.57	83.62†	...	3.01
(Accum Units)	95.11	101.20†	...	3.01
Cash	101.00	101.00	...	4.77
(Accum Units)	139.90	139.90	...	4.77
Emerging Mkts	116.50	124.20	...	2.60
European Growth	248.70	263.70	...	0.60
(Accum Units)	267.70	283.90	...	0.60
European Income	84.74	89.73	...	2.72
(Accum Units)	111.00	117.40	...	2.72
General	511.60	545.60†	...	2.22
(Accum Units)	909.30	1057†	...	2.22
Global Bond	123.20	129.60†	...	6.14
(Accum Units)	145.10	152.60†	...	6.14
Gold & General	182.90	196.70	...	0.48
(Accum Units)	187.00	201.10	...	0.48
Govt Securities	92.84	95.73	...	7.43
(Accum Units)	172.00	177.30	...	7.43
Income	152.90	162.60	...	4.27
(Accum Units)	231.90	246.80	...	4.27
International	458.60	487.70	...	0.57
(Accum Units)	611.60	650.40	...	0.57
Japan	212.50	225.20	...	...
(Accum Units)	218.10	231.20	...	...
New Europe	174.50	186.10	...	1.39
(Accum Units)	178.40	190.30	...	1.39
Pacific	128.30	136.80	...	0.61
(Accum Units)	136.30	145.40	...	0.61
Recovery	342.60	365.40†	...	2.46
(Accum Units)	435.70	464.70†	...	2.46
UK Smaller Cos	62.04	66.18†	...	1.65
(Accum Units)	69.75	74.40†	...	1.65
Portfolio	80.67	85.79†	...	2.64
(Accum Units)	93.83	99.79†	...	2.64
METROPOLITAN UT MGRS LTD				
3 Darkes Lane, Potters Bar EN6 1AJ				
0707 662 233				
Eurogrowth Fixs	116.39	123.81	+ 0.35	0.87
Intl Strategy	66.98	71.26	+ 0.35	0.07
UK Income Inc	76.16	81.02†	- 0.18	4.63

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MILLENNIUM FUND MGMT LTD				
1 White Hart Yard, London Bridge SE1				
071 407 5966				
International (US$)	12.25	13.03	...	...
MORGAN GRENFELL INVEST FDS LTD				
20 Finsbury Circus, London EC2M 1UT				
Dealers: 071 526 0520 Enquiries: 071 826 0823				
American Gwth	306.50	326.10†	...	...
European Gth Inc	391.30	417.10	...	...
Intl Gwth	194.70	208.00	...	...
UK Equity Inc	177.70	188.90†	...	3.06
UK Intl Trckr Inc	157.30	168.30	...	2.72
US Eq Ind Trk Inc	192.20	203.00†	...	1.43
Japan Tracker	82.75	87.64	...	...
Asian Trader	211.30	229.30†	...	0.45
Managed Inc	151.20	162.60	...	1.60
Deposit Inc	99.94	99.94†	...	3.90
Europa	178.10	191.20	...	...
Genesis	160.80	174.90	...	...
High Income	22.22	23.01†	...	10.00
MURRAY JOHNSTONE UT MGMT				
7 West Nile St, Glasgow G1 2PX 0345 090 935				
Acumen	95.34	97.56†	+ 0.09	2.27
Acumen Inc	91.25	93.36†	+ 0.08	2.27
Acumen Reserve	82.85	83.69†	+ 0.74	7.05
-do- Inc	74.62	75.39†	+ 0.67	7.05
American Growth	167.50	172.60	+ 0.80	0.91
Cash Income	49.80	50.40	+ 0.01	4.19
Equity Income	97.65	100.40†	- 0.30	4.48
European	75.05	76.96	+ 0.49	0.38
Smaller Cos	80.94	84.39	- 0.14	1.80
Olympiad	67.75	69.70	+ 0.25	...
Global Bond	47.04	47.62	+ 0.23	6.46
UK Growth	92.05	94.46†	- 0.20	2.04
Pacific Growth	110.90	114.60	+ 0.60	...
Japan Growth	99.84	101.80	...	...
NFU MUTUAL UNIT MGRS LTD				
5 Rayleigh Road, Hutton, Brentwood, Essex				
Enquiries: 0277 227 300 Dealing: 0277 261 010				
Avon Equity	118.44	126.00	- 0.72	2.86
NM UNIT TRUST MGRS				
Enterprise Hse, Isambard Brunel Rd, Portsmouth Enq: 0705 882 695				
Dlg: 0705 882 680				
NM Managed Portfolio Service				
Cap Gth Inc Inc	106.50	113.20	+ 0.80	1.57
Opn Cp Gth Ic Ic	107.80	114.60	+ 0.60	1.40
NM Unit Trusts				
American	43.02	45.83	- 0.38	1.72
Australian	340.50	365.30	- 1.30	...
Conscience	73.25	78.17	- 1.76	0.45
European	201.20	214.00†	+ 0.70	0.70
Extra Income	74.10	79.06†	- 0.50	5.61
Gilt & FI	57.50	60.65	- 0.15	6.10
Gold	57.36	61.67	- 0.57	...
Income	55.17	58.84	- 0.36	3.95
Intnl	33.36	35.67	- 0.13	0.70
Jap Smaller Cos	403.90	430.80	+ 0.60	...
Sing & Malaysian	250.70	268.80	+ 3.50	...
Smaller Cos	32.45	34.80	+ 0.78	0.57
Special Sits	37.00	39.78†	+ 0.03	1.54
Sterling Deposit	100.30	100.30†	...	4.50
Tokyo	92.68	98.85	- 0.28	...
UK Equity	174.20	185.80	- 0.70	2.67
US Smaller Cos	105.70	113.00	- 0.50	...
N&P UNIT TRUST MANAGEMENT LTD				
35 Fountain St, Manchester M2 2AF				
061 237 5322				
UK Growth	75.98	80.83	- 0.12	1.76
UK Income	109.90	117.00	- 0.50	3.57
Gilt & Fixed Int	73.35	77.62	- 0.14	5.99
Higher Income	226.80	241.30	...	4.44
Smaller Cos	87.26	92.83†	+ 0.12	1.48
International	99.49	105.85†	- 0.48	1.17
NATIONAL PROV INV MGRS LTD				
48 Gracechurch St EC3P 3HH 071 623 4280				
Americas Dist	105.90	113.30	...	...
European Dist	108.80	116.40	- 0.70	...
Far East Dist	188.60	201.70	+ 0.10	...
Global Care Dist	72.74	77.80	+ 0.14	2.10
Oseas Dist	£10.41	£11.13†	+ 0.30	0.13
UK Dist	341.00	364.70	- 1.20	2.41
UK Extra Inc Dist	76.74	82.07	- 0.47	3.56
Wwide Dist	104.90	112.10†	...	...
Wwide Inc Dist	70.44	75.34†	- 0.11	2.19
NATIONAL WESTMINSTER UT MGRS				
5 Rayleigh Road, Hutton, Brentwood, Essex				
Dlg: 0277 690 280 Admin Enq: 0277 690 398				
Europe Inc	63.30	66.81†	+ 0.07	0.25
Fund of Funds Inc	58.36	61.59	- 0.04	0.67
North America Inc	47.65	50.29	- 0.04	0.42
UK Equity Grth Inc	60.53	63.88	- 0.10	1.75
UK General Inc	57.66	60.85†	- 0.18	2.24
UK Gilt/Fix Int Inc	47.53	50.04†	- 0.24	6.59
UK Income Inc	59.08	62.35	- 0.23	2.76
NEWTON FUND MGRS LTD				
71 Queen Victoria St, London EC4V 4DR				
Dealer: 0500 440 000 Private client				
0500 550 000 Broker: 0500 660 000				
Income	223.22	237.47†	- 0.26	3.54
Global	345.34	367.39†	+ 1.99	2.17
General	190.05	202.19	+ 0.23	2.28
Bond	126.90	134.74	+ 0.11	6.55
Growth	123.69	131.59†	- 0.05	2.40
Intrepid	123.25	128.39	...	1.70
Bridge Fund	87.44	93.03	...	...
Distributor	90.51	96.20	- 0.28	4.26
NORWICH UNION TST MANAGERS				
PO Box 124, Surrey Street, Norwich				
0603 682 234				
Master Trust	122.86	130.69†	- 0.06	1.72
UK Equity	138.94	147.81	- 0.52	2.67
UK Equity Income	134.34	142.92	- 0.52	2.88
UK Smaller Cos	126.53	134.61	+ 0.16	0.97
UK Equity Growth	128.98	137.21†	- 0.36	1.94
UK Index Trckg	138.88	147.74	+ 1.15	3.30
Intl Index Trckg	144.64	153.87†	- 0.37	1.06
International	235.20	250.21†	+ 0.71	0.65
European	191.35	203.56	+ 0.64	0.36
Pan European	129.81	138.10	- 0.19	1.16
Nth American	156.80	166.81	+ 1.47	0.53
N Amer Smllr Cos	174.76	185.92	- 0.15	...
Japanese	104.82	111.51	- 0.03	...
Pacific	243.71	259.27	+ 0.79	0.27
South East Asian	263.12	279.91†	+ 1.19	0.37
Intl Bond	134.36	142.86	- 0.04	5.03
Gilt & Convertible	105.80	112.47	- 1.35	6.70
Property	88.68	94.34	+ 0.03	4.72
PEARL UNIT TRUSTS LTD				
Pearl Centre, Lynch Wd, Peterborough				
PE2 6FY Dlg: 0800 626 577 Enq: 0733 470 470				
Equity	238.50	253.60	+ 0.10	2.31
Growth	154.30	162.30	+ 0.10	2.45
Income	239.70	255.00†	- 0.20	3.38
Intl Equity	253.60	269.70	- 0.20	0.66
UK Income	66.57	70.81	- 0.09	2.94
UK Intl 25	78.22	83.21	+ 0.02	1.77
New Europe	79.16	84.23	+ 0.42	...
PERPETUAL UNIT TST MGMT				
48 Hart Street, Henley on Thames 0491 417 000				
Intl Gwth	600.33	642.07	- 2.88	0.25
Income	328.90	351.77†	- 1.35	3.12
Wwide Recovery	374.61	400.66	+ 0.57	0.31
Amer Growth Inc	212.43	227.20	+ 0.69	0.01
Intl Emerging Cos	248.42	265.69	+ 1.33	0.08
Far Estn Grth Inc	297.53	318.22	- 0.45	0.10
Euro Gwth Inc	145.38	155.49	+ 0.62	0.47
UK Growth Inc	84.09	89.94†	- 0.25	2.49
High Income	92.69	99.14	- 0.37	3.80
Jap Gwth Inc	251.33	267.68†	- 0.17	0.01
PEP Growth	117.97	126.18	+ 0.18	0.86
Asian Str Mkts Inc	127.77	136.66	+ 0.91	0.01
Amer Smlr Co Inc	128.35	137.28	+ 1.11	0.01
Global Bond	57.67	60.74†	- 0.09	5.55
UK Smaller Cos Inc	82.11	87.82	+ 0.04	1.01
PILGRIM UNIT TRUST MGMT LTD				
30 Pilgrim Street, Newcastle upon Tyne				
NE1 6RQ Admin & dealing: Unit Trust Accounting & Mgmt Ltd, 1 White Hart Yard, London SE1 1NX 071 407 5966				
American	98.19	104.46	...	...
European	70.74	75.26	+ 0.49	...
Global	66.44	70.68	...	...
Pacific	68.07	72.42	+ 0.24	...
UK Inc & Grth	65.59	69.84	+ 0.38	1.98
POINTON YORK UT MGRS				
The Crescent, King St, Leicester LE1 6RX				
0533 550 540				
BRI Director Digs	102.07	108.70	+ 0.48	...
PORTFOLIO FUND MGMT LTD				
1 White Hart Yard, London SE1 1NX				
071 407 5966				
Portfolio	163.90	172.53	...	0.61
PREMIUM LIFE UNIT TST MGRS LTD				
37 Perrymount Rd, Haywards Heath				
0444 458 721				
Monthly Income	59.42	62.98	+ 0.16	2.19
Growth Income	64.26	68.10	+ 0.08	1.69
PRINCIPAL UNIT TRUST MGMT LTD				
16 South Park, Sevenoaks TN13 1AN				
0732 740 700				
Principal Tst	134.99	143.61	- 0.44	1.73
PROLIFIC UNIT TST MGRS LTD				
Walbrook Hse, 23 Walbrook EC4N 8LD				
Enquiries: 071 280 3700 Dealing: 0800 262 443				
American Income	93.50	99.47	- 0.23	3.38
Conv & Gilt	122.40	130.30	+ 0.30	5.62
European Income	76.87	81.78†	+ 0.13	2.69
Extra Income	156.60	166.60†	- 2.00	3.64
Far East	411.80	438.10	- 0.20	0.24
Global Income	27.16	28.90	- 0.04	4.19
High Income	119.70	127.40†	...	3.34
International	208.40	221.70	...	0.56
Pref & Fxd Int	43.62	46.40†	+ 0.15	7.04
Recovery	81.72	86.94	+ 0.15	2.11
Special Sits	109.60	116.60	...	1.14
Technology	319.00	339.30	+ 0.80	...
UK Blue Chip	69.56	74.00	- 0.05	2.80
PROSPERITY UNIT TRUST MGMT LTD				
1 Seasons Hse Sq, Maidstone ME14 1XX				
0622 674 751				
General	52.00	55.41	- 0.33	2.53
International	93.33	99.29†	+ 0.16	0.68
Gilt	25.53	26.32	- 0.34	6.71
Income & Gwth	73.01	77.67	- 0.23	4.69
European	54.63	58.12†	- 0.05	1.10
American	51.99	55.31	+ 0.21	0.05
Emerging Mkts	87.88	93.49	+ 0.61	0.54
UK Smaller Cos	33.02	35.13†	- 0.02	1.53
Gilt/Fixed Interest	25.98	27.61†	- 0.02	5.81
Global PEP	39.60	42.13	- 0.60	1.49
PROVIDENCE CAPITOL FD MGRS LTD				
2 Bartley Way, Hook, Hants RG27 9XA				
0256 768 888				
European Inc	286.50	287.60	- 0.90	0.72
Japan Inc	115.20	123.10	- 0.80	...
Nth American Inc	101.40	112.90	+ 0.50	0.12
Worldwide Inc	167.00	180.10	- 0.30	0.71
Hong Kong Inc	148.80	160.50	- 0.80	0.20
Swiss Equities Inc	65.94	70.89†	- 0.93	0.35
Wwide Bond Inc	61.51	65.30†	- 0.18	5.33
Emging Asia Inc	204.90	222.90	+ 2.00	0.40
UK Money Mkt Inc	50.38	50.38	+ 0.02	4.85
Thailand Inc	138.60	149.80	- 1.50	0.90
Gold Trust Inc	74.64	80.98	- 1.16	0.17
New Zealand Inc	87.08	93.45	- 0.24	1.16
Int Mngd PEP Inc	66.10	71.40†	- 0.23	1.67
Latin Am Cmp Inc	79.50	86.22	+ 3.17	0.03
UK All Sh Mirr Inc	57.28	61.65†	- 0.16	2.21
Le Fond Francais	68.11	73.59	+ 0.56	0.89
Broker Unit Trusts				
Global Trustees	81.13	86.77	+ 0.62	1.48
Global Portfolio	73.55	78.66	+ 0.70	...
Global Opps	73.59	78.71	+ 0.37	0.43
Maxim Global Grth	69.84	74.06	- 0.12	1.85
AIM Global Equity	57.72	61.40	+ 0.38	0.79
CAM Brit Gwth Inc	87.73	94.64†	- 0.62	0.43
CAM Int Recvy Inc	46.69	50.73	- 0.16	0.99
Temple Equity Inc	47.17	51.38	- 0.28	2.78
Hartley Growth	79.53	84.61	- 0.11	0.47
Intl Growth Inc	85.29	91.22	+ 0.16	1.43
IFS Portfolio Inc	86.90	92.55	- 0.32	0.23
St Jms Mn Inc Inc	49.84	52.34	- 0.11	2.46

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
Premier Perfms Inc	69.40	74.22	+ 0.34	0.87
Roxburgh Strat Gth	73.22	78.31	+ 0.51	0.34
Tech Analysts	104.30	111.00	- 0.20	0.28
Rosebery Growth	42.04	45.26†	- 0.01	...
International Strat	76.90	82.25†	+ 0.79	...
UTC Ind-Ast Grth	55.27	58.95	+ 0.20	...
Coverdale Topous	51.50	55.54	+ 0.37	...
Prem Equity Inc	97.26	102.40	- 0.30	0.59
Lowes Intl Growth	46.67	49.13	- 0.58	1.14
PROVIDENT MUTUAL UT MGRS LTD				
25-31 Moorgate, London EC2R 6BA				
071 588 7963				
Equity Gth	167.80	178.50	- 0.10	1.87
European Gth	97.13	102.90†	+ 0.70	0.39
Income & Gth	136.20	144.90	- 0.20	2.43
Japan Gth	131.70	139.50†	- 0.70	...
Nth Amer Gth	109.40	116.40†	+ 0.70	...
Overseas Gth	88.13	93.77	- 0.04	...
PRUDENTIAL UNIT TRUSTS LTD				
51-59 Ilford Hill, Ilford, Essex IG1 2DL				
081 478 3377 Client Enq: 071 911 4490 Intermed dlg: 071 911 4314 Pricebank: 0426 925 091				
Managed Tst	36.91	39.47	- 0.10	1.38
Cash Haven Inc	101.47	101.97	+ 0.02	3.89
Cash Haven Acc	108.60	109.14	- 0.03	3.89
Dist Trust Inc	94.63	101.20	- 0.16	4.94
Dist Trust Acc	94.63	101.20	- 0.16	4.94
Global Growth	89.49	95.71	- 0.40	1.10
Equity Inc	82.96	86.72	- 0.46	3.40
Equity	707.30	756.56†	- 8.55	2.30
European	211.54	226.24	- 1.04	0.71
High Income	88.91	94.98†	- 0.33	3.70
Intl Grth	183.32	196.06	- 0.36	0.62
Intl Sm Co	80.99	86.62†	- 0.36	0.24
Japanese	230.02	246.00	- 0.47	...
Nth Amer	160.10	170.93	- 0.89	1.33
Pacific Mkts	105.74	113.09	- 0.27	0.70
Premier Inc	48.28	50.26†	- 0.15	5.21
Sm Cos	93.56	100.06†	+ 0.05	1.83
Spec Sits	108.42	115.95	- 0.47	2.17
UK Growth	118.55	126.79	- 0.54	2.11
RELIANCE UNIT MGRS LTD				
Reliance House, Tunbridge Wells, Kent				
0892 510 033				
British Life	307.30	325.90†	- 0.50	3.03
Reliance Inc	...	...	...	...
ROCK ASSET MGMT (UNIT TRUST) LTD				
Balmain House, Regent Centre, Gosforth, Newcastle upon Tyne NE3 3NG 091 285 2555				
Managed	98.30	104.30	...	2.00
ROTHSCHILD FUND MANAGEMENT				
St Swithin's Lane, London EC4				
Dealers: 071 280 5000				
FA America (Inc)	507.69	541.27	- 1.27	0.58
FA America (Acc)	591.61	630.74	- 1.48	0.58
FA UK Equity Inc	157.67	168.08	- 0.74	3.37
FA Japan	293.07	311.98	- 0.80	...
FA Major UK Cos	94.50	100.72	- 0.13	2.31
FA Smllr Uk Cos	308.37	334.08†	+ 0.01	0.80
FA European	314.84	332.53	+ 2.13	0.85
FA Amer Smllr Cos	45.31	48.58	- 0.03	...
FA Asia	52.45	56.40	+ 0.16	...
FA Jap Smllr Cos	56.04	60.07	- 0.22	...
RAM Personal Pension				
UK Major Cos	92.67	97.54	- 0.12	...
UK Smllr Cos	87.31	91.90	...	...
UK Income	90.41	95.16	- 0.42	...
America	101.46	106.79	- 0.25	...
Japanese	64.24	67.61	- 0.17	...
European	99.85	105.10	- 0.68	...
Gilt	85.30	89.78	+ 0.46	...
Deposit	80.14	84.36	+ 0.05	...
Managed	97.70	102.84	- 0.18	...
RAM FSAVC Scheme				
UK Major Cos	90.37	95.12	- 0.11	...
UK Smaller Cos	85.47	89.96	...	...
UK Income	88.35	92.99	- 0.41	...
America	98.95	104.15	- 0.24	...
Japanese	62.68	65.97	- 0.17	...
European	97.44	102.56	+ 0.66	...
Gilt	84.42	88.85	+ 0.43	...
Deposit	76.53	80.55	+ 0.04	...
Managed	92.91	97.79	- 0.18	...
ROYAL LIFE FD MGMT LTD				
PO Box 34, Peterborough PE2 0UE				
Prices: 0733 282 828 Gen Enq: 0733 390 000				
Dealing: 0733 393 000				
United States	73.52	78.52	+ 0.02	0.11
Pacific Basin	86.21	92.53	- 0.14	...
High Inc Dist	126.90	135.70†	- 0.30	4.47
Ryl Life Int Cncy	59.75	63.52	+ 0.11	3.74
Ryl Life Intl Grwth	69.24	73.92	- 0.05	0.32
Ryl Life Intl Spec	64.50	68.70†	- 0.26	...
UK Emerging Cos	121.10	130.90	+ 0.30	1.44
UK Index Trckg	162.70	173.30	- 2.00	3.17
European	127.40	136.60	- 0.20	0.28
Managed	144.90	155.80	- 0.20	0.82
ROYAL LONDON UNIT TST MGRS LTD				
Royal Ldn Hse, Colchester CO1 1RA				
0206 764 400				
American Growth	145.30	153.80	+ 2.40	0.45
European Growth	111.90	118.30	+ 1.70	0.53
Far East Growth	131.60	140.00	+ 2.40	0.24
Japan Growth	153.00	162.70†	+ 1.80	...
Special Sits	200.70	213.50†	+ 0.40	1.33
UK Growth	77.16	82.08	+ 0.47	2.01
Triton General	242.80	258.30†	+ 3.20	0.64
ST JAMES'S PLACE UT GROUP LTD				
150 St Vincent St, Glasgow G2 5NS				
041 307 6500				
Far East Inc	184.40	195.10	+ 0.50	0.36
Gtr Euro Prog Inc	356.00	376.70	+ 1.20	0.32
Growth Inc	135.80	143.70	+ 0.70	0.55
International Inc	350.80	371.20	+ 0.90	0.12
Nth Am & Intl Inc	321.10	339.80	- 1.50	0.10
UK Gen Prog Inc	214.20	226.70	- 0.20	0.62
UK High Inc Inc	138.10	146.10	- 0.40	3.49
SANWA INTL INVEST SERVICES LTD				
City Place Hse, 55 Basinghall St EC2V 5DJ				
071 330 0572				
American Gwth	62.39	66.37	- 0.02	...
Amer Smllr Cos	80.91	86.07	+ 0.13	...
Asian Gwth	116.02	123.42†	+ 0.27	0.75
European Gwth	70.57	75.08	+ 0.70	1.00
Global Bd	60.24	63.64†	- 0.03	5.00
Global Eq	68.41	72.78	+ 0.35	0.50
Japanese Eq	62.69	66.69	- 0.05	...
Japan Sm Cos	75.01	79.80†	- 0.02	...
UK Gen	54.59	58.07	+ 0.21	2.80
UK Gwth	60.35	64.20	+ 0.36	1.75
SAVE & PROSPER GROUP				
16-22 Western Rd, Romford RM1 3LB				
0708 766 966				
Amer Inc & Gwth	68.01	72.35†	- 0.33	3.94
Amer Smllr Cos	105.90	112.70	- 0.30	...
Asian Smaller Cos	53.92	57.36	+ 0.05	...
Capital Portfolio	128.30	136.50†	+ 0.20	1.72
Capital	168.20	178.90	+ 0.50	0.31
Cash	122.60	122.60†	...	5.36
China Dragon	64.74	68.87	- 0.13	0.73
Commodity	124.40	132.30	...	0.59
Eastern Discovery	114.40	121.70	- 0.30	...
Energy Inds	124.40	132.30	- 1.40	0.16
European Gwth	196.50	209.00	+ 2.10	0.09
Euro Inc & Gwth	80.33	85.46	+ 0.52	1.88
Euro Smllr Cos	53.86	57.30	+ 0.23	...
Financial Secs	193.80	206.20	- 0.70	0.60
Gilt & Fxd Int Inc	49.69	52.44†	+ 0.30	8.10
Gold & Exploration	80.60	85.74	- 0.32	0.03
High Return	230.70	245.40	- 0.40	4.03
High Yield	224.20	238.50†	- 0.10	3.49
Income	122.40	130.20	...	4.10
Intl Bond	166.80	176.20†	+ 0.20	5.46
ITU	212.00	225.50†	...	0.50
Japan Growth	188.00	200.00	- 0.80	...
Japan Smaller	213.80	227.40†	- 0.80	...
Korea	76.30	81.17	- 0.04	...
Masterfund	56.97	60.61	+ 0.10	0.53
Scotbits	287.40	305.70	- 0.90	0.86
Scotshares	296.50	315.40	+ 1.40	1.33
Scotyields	238.90	254.10	...	3.22
Select Intl	145.70	155.00†	+ 0.20	0.44
Smaller Cos Inc	257.30	273.70†	...	2.95
SE Asia	594.20	632.10	+ 2.20	...
Special Situation	128.30	136.50	+ 0.80	0.50
UK Equity	243.30	258.80	+ 0.80	2.61
UK Growth	66.87	71.14†	+ 0.39	1.47
UK Smllr Cos Gwth	50.01	53.20	+ 0.17	1.00
US Growth	145.80	155.10	- 0.50	0.10
Univ Growth	145.10	154.40†	...	0.48
SCHRODER UNIT TRUSTS LTD				
Senator House, 85 Queen Victoria St EC4V 4EJ Client: 0800 526 535 Broker: 0800 526 540 General Enquiries: 071 382 3800				
Retail Funds				
American	244.47	260.22	- 0.73	0.78
European Gwth	76.03	81.04	- 0.14	0.70
Euro Smllr Cos	76.40	81.49	+ 0.56	0.03
Far Eastern Gth	98.71	105.29	+ 0.13	...
Gilt & Fixed Int	52.58	55.44†	- 0.51	7.50
Global Bond	52.86	54.62	- 0.14	5.69
Global Emer Mkts	54.69	58.33†	- 0.50	...
Income	354.17	377.78†	- 2.11	3.58
Japan Smllr Cos	542.41	578.57	- 0.41	...
Japan Enterprise	74.30	79.14†	- 0.23	...
Pacific Gwth	139.65	148.95	- 1.31	0.07
Seoul	52.43	56.77	- 0.35	...
Smaller Cos	218.17	232.71	...	0.48
Tokyo	129.97	138.63†	- 0.28	...
UK Enterprise	249.76	266.41	+ 0.94	2.00
UK Equity	240.73	256.77	- 0.76	2.95
US Smllr Cos	150.78	160.83	+ 0.21	...
World Fd	80.04	85.37	- 0.33	1.73
Institutional Funds				
European	237.10	246.97	+ 1.40	1.30
Euro Smllr Cos	30.07	31.32	+ 0.18	1.50
Global Equity Inc	77.34	80.56†	- 0.30	0.61
Japan Smllr Cos	41.76	43.49	- 0.12	0.02
Mngd Balanced	189.15	197.03	- 0.10	2.51
Overseas Equity	188.42	196.27	+ 0.19	0.74
Oseas Smllr Cos	128.68	134.04	- 0.28	0.29
Pacific	253.44	263.99†	+ 0.80	0.85
Recovery	£20.09	£20.93	+ 0.77	2.42
UK Index	153.57	159.96	- 0.08	2.94
UK Small Cos	120.93	125.96	+ 0.16	2.26
US Smllr Cos	43.21	45.01†	+ 0.02	0.24
SCOTTISH AMICABLE UT MGRS LTD				
150 St Vincent St, Glasgow G2 5NQ				
041 204 2200				
Equity Income	51.56	54.91	+ 0.50	2.93
Equity Trust	58.86	62.60	+ 0.80	2.71
Equity Strategy	70.56	75.15	+ 0.47	0.95
European Opps	88.66	94.42	+ 1.08	...
UK Smaller Cos	65.87	70.15	+ 0.21	0.97
Maximum Income	98.55	101.08	+ 0.03	4.68
Japanese	86.02	91.61	- 0.26	...
Asia Pacific	129.99	138.44	+ 0.43	0.60
American	100.92	107.48	- 0.22	0.41
SCOTTISH EQUITABLE FD MGRS LTD				
28 St Andrew Sq, Edinburgh 0800 454 422				
Cash	30.10	30.10	+ 0.01	4.454
UK General Inc	52.10	55.57	- 0.15	2.54
Intl Income	290.20	309.00†	- 0.50	1.58
European	78.97	83.54	+ 0.11	1.79
Japan	75.38	79.97	- 0.36	0.10
American	64.30	68.08	- 0.24	2.17
Far East	91.33	97.42	+ 0.38	0.60
Ethical Inc	31.81	34.02	- 0.02	1.78
UK Blue Chip Inc	33.08	35.32†	- 0.09	2.73
High Inc Inc	37.47	40.10	- 0.17	3.53
UK Global Inc	41.08	43.79	- 0.08	1.30
Wwide Tact	75.33	80.56†	...	0.69
Europe 2000 Tact	54.43	57.73	+ 0.11	0.80
Technology	100.97	107.52†	- 0.46	1.00
SCOTTISH LIFE INVESTMENTS				
19 St Andrew Sq, Edinburgh 031 225 2211				
UK Equity	377.00	402.30	- 1.70	2.69
American	255.70	271.80	+ 1.50	0.54
Pacific	409.20	437.70	- 0.30	0.61
European	541.40	579.00	- 0.80	1.02
Worldwide	92.57	99.01	- 0.26	0.69
SCOTTISH MUTUAL INV MGRS LTD				
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041 248 6100				
UK Equity Inc	273.60	291.10	- 0.30	2.16
UK Str Co Eq Inc	212.30	225.90	+ 0.40	1.26
Select Oppnty Inc	68.94	73.74†	- 0.14	2.04
Income Plus Inc	73.13	77.80†	- 0.20	3.68
European Inc	349.60	372.00†	+ 1.00	1.45
Far Eastern Inc	179.90	191.40†	+ 1.00	0.63

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
Japanese Inc	69.05	73.46†	- 0.18	...
Nth American Inc	240.10	255.30†	- 0.10	0.44
Intl Growth Inc	208.30	221.70	+ 0.20	0.10
Wwide Venture Inc	79.39	84.40†	- 0.36	0.69
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031 558 2340				
Equity Growth Inc	23.83	25.51	- 0.04	2.46
Intl Growth Inc	31.85	34.09	+ 0.08	0.54
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SCOTTISH WIDOWS' FUND MGMT				
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Equity Inc	372.20	397.80	- 3.50	2.74
UK High Inc	192.70	205.50	+ 1.30	3.43
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Nth Amer Inc	209.20	223.70	+ 0.60	0.04
Global Inc	212.60	226.80	+ 1.00	0.57
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South East Asia	233.00	248.50	+ 0.20	0.05
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European ‡	125.00		+ 0.30	
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Samurai ‡	99.12		- 0.56	
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071 637 5377				
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Capital	133.70	143.20	+ 1.30	0.97
Cash	100.37	100.37†	+ 0.01	4.38
European	138.80	146.80	+ 1.70	0.31
Far Eastern	177.90	189.20†	+ 3.10	...
Growth	143.90	152.30	+ 1.10	1.09
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European Growth	73.14	78.01	...	2.40
Income	56.97	60.76	...	5.90
Intl Growth	98.72	105.30	...	2.60
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-do- High Inc Acc	46.66	49.57	+ 0.30	3.39
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UK Equity Gen Inc	45.84	48.71†	+ 0.40	2.18
UK Lrgr Co Acc	425.90	462.20	+ 3.30	3.34
UK Lrgr Co Inc	318.90	346.10†	+ 2.40	3.34
Gilt & Fxd Int Inc	31.30	33.11†	+ 0.30	6.12
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Japan Eqties (yen)	258.10	274.20	...	...
FT Europe	128.40	136.30	...	1.10
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Investment Tst	231.10	245.00†	- 0.80	1.03
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Master Portfolio	49.94	53.41	- 0.31	0.10
Cap Protector Inc	43.00	45.99	- 0.13	2.36
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General	285.42	303.64	- 1.05	2.19
Premier Income	52.02	54.19†	+ 0.07	5.82
Income	355.31	377.99	- 0.92	3.34
Pacific	441.67	469.87	+ 2.61	...
International	561.26	597.09†	- 0.07	0.17
Nat Resources	168.03	178.75†	+ 0.25	0.14
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Environmental Inv	62.94	66.96	- 0.83	1.57
Selector	65.87	70.08†	- 0.06	2.12
High Income	65.70	69.90	- 0.15	4.34
Intl Income	59.21	63.02†	+ 0.06	4.81
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Gilt Income	51.23	53.31†	+ 0.01	7.00
Gilt Growth	70.55	73.41	- 0.13	...
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081 298 4000				
Stockmarket Fd	79.00	84.03	- 0.31	1.72

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* Yield expressed as CAR (Compound Annual Return); † Ex dividend; ‡ Middle price; ... No significant data.

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Andrew MacKinlay MP thinks the Lord Chancellor has exceeded his authority

A law unto himself?



Did Lord Mackay of Clashfern put improper pressure on Mr Justice Wood?

Tomorrow Lord Mackay of Clashfern will face an unprecedented debate in the Lords over his suggestion that Mr Justice Wood should "consider his position" if he did not toe the line on appeals procedures. Lord Mackay maintains he did not intend to invite the judge to resign; nor had he done so. The comment provoked a furore among some senior judges...

As a parliamentarian, I have the greatest respect for the principle of judicial independence — it is not for politicians to interfere with the work of judges.

Yet I have found myself asking questions of the head of the judiciary, the Lord Chancellor, Lord Mackay of Clashfern, on a matter which I think raises extremely important questions about his role in our constitution.

The Lord Chancellor is in a unique position in having a foothold in the executive, legislature and judiciary. He is an unelected member of the Cabinet, "Speaker" of the House of Lords, and head of the judiciary. Yet to which is he ultimately responsible? And to whom is he accountable?

Lord Mackay has been accused of attempting to pressure a High Court judge, Mr Justice Wood, to change his view of the law in order to save money for the Treasury.

I raised the issue in Parliament and, with courtesy, Lord Mackay invited me to discuss the matter with him, and then agreed to release his correspondence with Mr Justice Wood. The contents reveal the conflict of loyalties that inevitably face a Lord Chancellor.

> "I must ask you to consider your position"

In December 1992, Lord Mackay wrote to Mr Justice Wood, who was President of the Employment Appeal Tribunal, expressing concern about the growing backlog of cases faced by the tribunal. He urged Mr Justice Wood to make use of a procedural device, known as rule 3, to dismiss without any hearing cases in which there was no point of law shown in the notice of appeal. He added that he was "unwilling" to spend extra money on setting up additional courts.

Mr Justice Wood, who had served for 16 years on the High Court bench, explained that there were cases in which the judge could be left uncertain as to whether the appellant's grounds of appeal were on a matter of law or not. In such cases, he argued, it was necessary, in order to do justice, to hold a preliminary hearing.

The Lord Chancellor's reply in March 1993 expressed "disappointment" at Mr Justice Wood's attitude and continued: "I did not seek further discussion of rule 3 but had sought to make it clear to you that I was not prepared to accept preliminary hearings being held where rule 3 provides a cheap and expeditious procedure for final disposal of a purported appeal.

"I ask you again for your immediate assurance that rule 3 is henceforth to be applied in full and that preliminary hearings are not being used where no jurisdiction is shown in a notice of appeal. If you do not feel you can give me that assurance, I must ask you to consider your position."

Mr Justice Wood responded by stating that the view he had expressed had been reached following consultation with many others on the bench and that in their collective opinion it was the correct statement of law.

He added: "I have, of course, given the most serious consideration to my position as you required of me. You have demanded that I exercise my judicial function in a way which you regard as best suited to your executive purposes, but I have to say that in all the circumstances that present themselves to me and in the light of the existing law, I cannot regard compliance with your demand as conducive to justice.

"You express disappointment. I express profound regret that it has ever been the uncomfortable duty of a judge in this country, in compliance with the judicial oath, to write to a Lord Chancellor refusing a demand such as the one which you have made of me."

Two months later, in response to an enquiry from the Lord Chancellor's office as to whether he would be retiring later in the year, Mr Justice Wood confirmed that he would be. He had made the decision, he indicated, well before he had been asked to consider his position.

It is an accepted principle that Lord Mackay, despite being the country's most senior judge, does not have the power to tell a judge how to interpret the law. Yet is this not in essence a Treasury-driven attack on the independence of the judiciary?

I tabled a whole series of parliamentary questions to the Lord Chancellor's office on the matter. One answer appears to confirm that Lord Mackay has exceeded his authority.

His parliamentary secretary states that the Lord Chancellor has "no powers" to discuss with judges their stewardship of cases in relation to cost, conduct and the legal principles involved. Yet this is precisely what Lord Mackay appears to have done.

Another response highlights the privileged position the Lord Chancellor appears to enjoy. In answer to a question asking when and how the Lord Chancellor asked Mr Justice Wood to consider the way he dealt with preliminary hearings, his parliamentary secretary simply told me he could not comment on such communications.

This raises the very important issue of accountability. Although the Lord Chancellor has chosen to be completely open about this matter, who is he ultimately answerable to? I am grateful to Lord Mackay for seeing me and releasing the correspondence he had with Mr Justice Wood. But he was clearly under no obligation to do so.

This is unacceptable given the conflict of loyalties. Mr Justice Wood clearly felt that Lord Mackay was allowing his executive responsibilities to override his judicial ones. That cannot be right.

It is surely time to give the judiciary true independence and remove from them any responsibility for the administration of the legal system. The creation of a Ministry of Justice would allow this. It would be responsible for administrative matters such as running the courts, thereby leaving judges to interpret and apply the law.

Indeed, it would give judges greater freedom to express their concerns if they think political decisions are infringing upon the exercise of justice.

And it would enable proper scrutiny by politicians of the way the legal system is being run. At present there is virtually none, although it is now accepted that the Lord Chancellor can be called before the House of Commons Select Committee on Home Affairs.

The present Lord Chancellor appears committed to his Government's stated policy of open government and that is to be welcomed. But there is no guarantee that his successor will be. It is time the terms of office of the head of the judiciary were radically changed.

● *The author is Labour MP for Thurrock.*

Europe's blow to free speech



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A Spanish lawyer called Casado Coca received a disciplinary warning in 1983 from the Barcelona Bar Council for publishing in local newspapers an advertisement stating his name, profession, address and telephone number. Now, in a disappointing and surprising decision, the European Court of Human Rights has rejected, by seven votes to two, Señor Coca's complaint that he was the victim of a breach of Article 10 of the European Convention on Human Rights, which guarantees freedom of expression.

The European Court rightly accepted that, in principle, commercial speech is covered by Article 10. But, the court concluded, a balance had to be struck between competing interests, which include the dignity of the legal profession, and it could not be said that the approach of the Barcelona Bar in 1983 was unreasonable.

The basic principles of freedom of expression in this context were stated by the United States Supreme Court in 1977, in upholding the legality of advertising by lawyers in *Bates v State Bar of Arizona*. Commercial speech "serves to inform the public of the availability, nature and prices of products and services, and thus performs an indispensable role in the allocation of resources in a free enterprise system". The court rightly ridiculed the notion that advertising by lawyers was an erosion of true professionalism. Such an argument "presumes that attorneys must conceal from themselves and from their clients the real-life fact that lawyers earn their livelihood at the Bar".

Bates concerned a newspaper advertisement. In 1988, in *Shapero v Kentucky Bar Association*, the United States Supreme Court held that the first amendment to the constitution, guaranteeing freedom of expression, also allows a lawyer to send targeted direct mailing advertisements to potential clients, by contrast with in-person solicitation, which Bar associations may prohibit. The court explained that such letters are merely a more efficient means of written advertising. It is for the potential client to decide whether to act on the information that has been provided.

As the court observed, lawyers have always advertised their services, by social contacts, through members of their family, even by writing for newspapers. It is difficult to understand what rational goal is served by penalising the provision of accurate information by advertising to assist those who may want to make use of legal services. One of the main problems of legal professions throughout Europe is the need to address public ignorance of, and misunderstandings about, the legal services open to them.

Above all, prohibitions on advertising by lawyers are objectionable because they imply a contempt for the public that lay people are so simple they need to be protected from the provision of accurate information because, otherwise, devious attorneys will persuade them to bring law suits against their loved ones.

Until the last few years, the Law Society and the Bar Council in England and Wales maintained prohibitions on advertising by lawyers which were similar to those at issue in the Spanish case. Lawyers lived in terror that they might be thought to have acted "unprofessionally" in some minor respect, and suffer the consequence of professional disgrace. Until 1989, the *Code of Conduct* for the Bar was the object of ridicule for specifying what information could be contained on a barrister's visiting card, and for regulating the circumstances in which solicitors could be invited to chambers' parties.

Now, barristers and solicitors in this country have been freed from most of the petty restrictions on advertising which previously applied. Advertising is permitted — subject to minor restrictions — where it is legal, decent, honest and truthful, the criteria laid down in the British Code of Advertising Practice. It is now recognised that the previous rules, so long retained as vital to the integrity of the legal system, were in fact pointless relics of a bygone age, which damaged the image of lawyers and hindered their ability to serve the public.

The European Court judgment approves a quaint principle that lawyers "must be discreet and dignified", as well as honest. It fails to recognise the vital interests of legal consumers in knowing what services are available. It allows the imposition of a disciplinary penalty for an advertisement which it recognises did no more than state "particulars that were wholly neutral and did not contain information that was untrue or offensive to fellow members of the Bar". It panders to the prejudices of a conservative legal profession, which has always been frightened by competition.

It is no surprise that members of the European legal profession have sought to prohibit the supply of accurate information about its practices to those it purports to serve. But it is troubling that the European Court, as the guardian of fundamental freedoms, should tolerate such arbitrary restrictions on free speech.

● *The author is a practising barrister and a Fellow of All Souls College, Oxford.*

Rev up for the hot seat

HENRY HODGE, Labour Party activist and legal aid lawyer, has been elected as Law Society deputy vice-president for 1994-95. The hotly contested election means that Hodge is destined to become president of the society from July 1996. Married to Margaret Hodge, former leader of Islington Council, north London, Mr Hodge has a solid track record in work in civil liberties and work for the disadvantaged. He was deputy director of the Child Poverty Action Group for five years in the 1970s before setting up his own practice, Hodge Jones & Allen and is often to be seen weaving through London traffic on his motorbike.

Instant hit

THE HIGH COURT should have taped George Michael's recent testimony during his long-running battle with Sony. One of the hottest-selling items in America is the tape of Michael Jackson's testimony when defending a recent copyright infringement suit. The court is selling copies of the tape for $15 a time. During his 50-minute testimony Jackson told the court how he had written the hit "Dangerous", which was the subject of the action, singing bits as he went along. The case was dismissed.

Snap decision

THE LAW lords have been asked to overturn a Court of Appeal ruling which has prompted concern among lawyers because it enables police to claim public interest immunity over evidence which people may need in civil proceedings. The ruling last September has been used by Kent police in the case of Lesley Cadwallader, 38, a mother from Maidstone, who is pursuing a complaint of assault against police. They will not release photographs of injuries she says they inflicted on her face in the struggle over her arrest on suspicion of carrying drugs. Police say the ruling, in a case called *Wiley*, gives the photographs "public interest immunity" as they were created for the purpose of a police complaint, so they do not have to hand them over to help in any civil claim.

Fox clever

DESPITE the High Court ruling that bans on fox-hunting by local authorities are illegal, the League Against Cruel Sports has written to the 36 county councils which have introduced bans urging them not to reverse their decision. The league has obtained advice from Sir Louis Blom-Cooper, QC, David Pannick, QC, and local government law specialist David Bean which suggests that the bans may not in fact be illegal. Two county councils, Shropshire and Hampshire, have lifted the bans since the court ruling in February.

Help line

CHILDREN deprived of their liberty by the courts will be the subject of a conference at Trevelyan College, Durham, this Friday. The aim is to bring together lawyers, social services and medical experts who are given few opportunities to collaborate in developing strategies for dealing with violent children. In an interview in *Child Right*, the Children's Legal Centre journal, Dr Susan Bailey, a consultant psychiatrist who works with disturbed young people (she interviewed Jon Venables, convicted of murdering James Bulger), argues that the failure of professionals to co-operate condemns many youngsters to a life of crime when effective intervention could have saved them.

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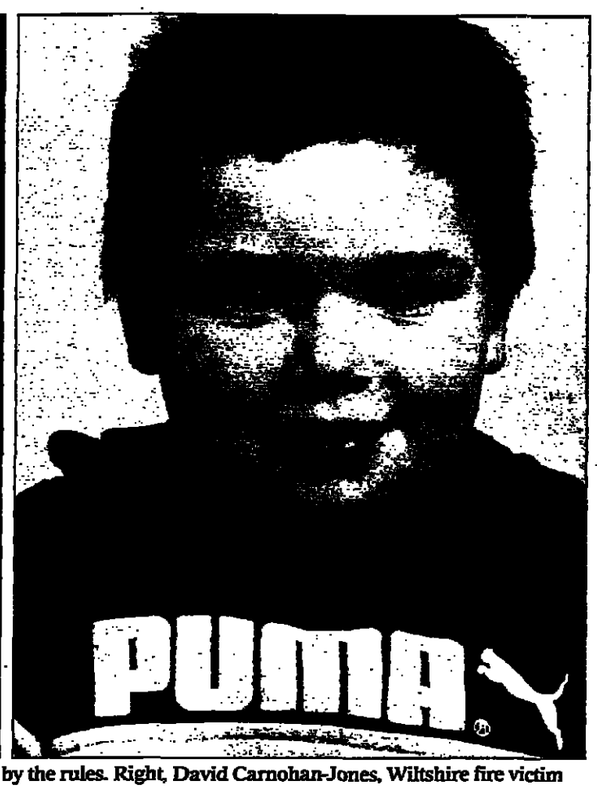
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A verdict on the coroner

As they celebrate their 800th birthday, coroner's courts are showing their age, says **Frances Gibb**





Dr Douglas Chambers, the London coroner who says he sticks by the rules. Right, David Carnohan-Jones, Wiltshire fire victim

The ancient institution of the coroner, one of the oldest and most powerful judicial posts, has just celebrated its 800th birthday.

The office, which began in 1194 as a means of filling exchequer coffers to pay for the ransom of Richard the Lionheart, now boasts 150 independent office holders whose job it is to determine the truth about unnatural deaths.

For the grieving relatives who find themselves involved in the inquest system, there is little to celebrate, according to this week's *Taking Liberties* (BBC 2). Its documentary on Thursday, *All the Queen's Men*, will argue that the medieval coroners' system is in need of reform.

About 21,000 inquests are held each year, enquiring into sudden and unexplained deaths. The coroner has wide powers: he alone decides which witnesses to call, what questions can be asked and what verdicts may be brought in. Families can be represented but there is no legal aid.

David Carnohan-Jones, aged six, died in a house fire while on an access visit to his father. His mother, Su, from Trowbridge, Wiltshire, was anxiously awaiting the inquest so she could reassure herself that everything had been done to save her son. The coroner's office promised she would be given a date. Three months later she had heard nothing.

"I was going to the cemetery to take flowers and I saw the billboard outside a local newsagent saying: the coroners' court verdict: misadventure. And I can remember seeing it and thinking that some family were lucky because their inquest was over."

That evening, some friends visited. "They just said, I bet you're glad it's over. 'No. Glad what's over?' She said, you know, your little boy. The inquest. It was the front page of the *Wiltshire Times*. Headline news and I didn't even know about it."

Mrs Carnohan-Jones says she felt "sick" that the inquest had taken place. "It's worse than shock. Just not knowing. Not ever being able to know."

Many coroners are sympathetic. However, the programme shows that if a coroner is not, little can be done about it. The post is for life; and only one coroner has been removed since 1949. Dr Douglas Chambers, who sits in three courts in London, is the coroner who has had more judicial reviews brought against him than any other. The reason, he says, is that "I stick to the rules and this isn't liked".

> "It's worse than shock. Just not knowing. Not ever being able to know"

Relatives may think the inquest will answer their questions and assuage their anxieties. But Dr Chambers says: "There is quite the wrong idea of inquests. That in some way they are provided as it were for the delectation of the relations of the deceased. This is quite wrong, in my view."

One such relative, Gregory Linnane, is still trying to find out how his father died five years ago. Anthony Linnane's heart failed in police custody in 1988. His family wanted to know if his death could have been prevented. Anthony was a chronic alcoholic who stole when out of cash. At that time the prisons were full and he was sent to a police cell to serve a ten-week sentence for theft.

He began to suffer withdrawal symptoms and started to rave and try to eat coins. The programme alleges that police left him covered with excrement. A police doctor thought he was psychotic and gave him sedatives. But when Gregory visited, he thought his father was seriously ill. Shortly after that visit, Mr Linnane collapsed. When both police doctor and ambulance failed to arrive, police took him to hospital in a van and he died the next day.

When someone dies in custody, the coroner holding the inquest should sit with a jury. But Dr Chambers took the view that as he was in hospital, there was no need for a jury. Alun Jones QC says on the programme: "There had been no release from custody. Any person, surely, looking at those facts, would have said that man was in police custody when he died."

The family went to the High Court, which overruled Dr Chambers and said Mr Linnane was still in police custody. Further problems for the family followed: Dr Chambers would not call a doctor (although the family wanted him as a witness) who believes Mr Linnane's illness was not necessarily fatal. The coroner ruled out "lack of care" as a possible verdict, so the jury had little choice but to conclude that he died of natural causes.

The family went back to court. The judges held that the coroner had been wrong not to call the doctor and to rule out the "lack of care" verdict. But by this time it was so long after the death that they would not order the inquest to be reopened.

The programme, produced by Kate Barker, highlights what it sees as inadequate machinery for rectifying coroners' mistakes, and some coroners accept that reforms could be made. Legal aid would certainly improve the unhappy lot of the relatives.

Barry Sheerman, the Labour MP, who has himself received complaints about coroners, acknowledges the strengths of the system, but says: "There's a fog all around the coroner's courts. It seems like a sort of 800-year-old cauldron that needs of stirring, if it doesn't need tipping away and starting again."

When therapists are the problem

There is little recourse for people who believe they are the victims of bad advice on the analyst's couch

Can you sue a psychotherapist? To the layman it would seem that if you can sue your solicitor, accountant or doctor for causing you harm with the wrong advice, surely you should be able to do the same to your psychotherapist who may send you on completely the wrong track; a track which may end your marriage, and the happiness of those around you.

Author Fay Weldon has raised this subject because she blames her husband's therapist for the breakdown of their marriage. She says that Ron Weldon's therapist convinced him that he and the author were "incompatible". Now Fay Weldon suggests that those who believe that a therapist inspired the break-up of a relationship should be able to sue under the old Victorian concept of "alienation of affection".



Fay Weldon says advice wrecked her marriage

But do the lawyers agree? Tony Gold, senior partner of Gold, Lerman and Muirhead, says: "There may well be a legal principle at stake. Professionals do have a duty of care not only to those to whom they are contractually bound but also to others. A solicitor has been sued (the case is at the House of Lords) by the would-be beneficiaries for not drawing up a will, for instance. It could be argued, therefore, that a psychotherapist has a duty of care not only to his patient but to the spouse and children. However, seeing a possible principle is a long way from saying you would advise going to court. Not least, if the therapist isn't insured, is it worth it?"

Fay Weldon says: "As it stands now, the partner who has lost their loved one because of a therapist's brainwashing has no recourse. Other professions are forced by the law to be responsible: we must make therapists be the same."

Valarie Kleanthous, partner of Kingsley Napley and an officer with the Solicitors Family Law Association, says: "The whole area of alienation of affection, which smacks of breach of promise, seems to be a non-starter. If there was a case it would have to centre on whether the therapist caused the change in the relationship or whether it would have happened anyway. I think it would be almost impossible to prove. Somehow you would have to find a civil wrong, but what is it? All the parties in marriage break-ups I ever see, whatever the situation, feel they are innocent. Whether they are is a matter of opinion."

But if Fay Weldon would not have much of a case suing a therapist at one remove, does anyone ever sue their psychotherapist? Mannie Sher is the chairman of the ethics committee of the British Association of Psychotherapy. He says: "We do get complaints but they are mainly about confidentiality. We are not trained to advise, only interpret. There is a big difference between someone saying, 'Leave your wife', and someone saying, 'From what you are saying, I think you are having problems with this relationship'.

"People make wrong interpretations all the time. In my opinion, if a therapist gets it right in 51 per cent of the cases, he's doing well. We do not give anything concrete, like absolute advice, a physical action, a prescription which can be proved to be right or wrong."

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Conditions in adoption to be rare

In re S (a Minor) (Adoption order: Conditions)

Before Lord Justice Staughton, Lord Justice Waite and Lord Justice Peter Gibson

[Judgment April 21]

A judge erred in granting an adoption order which required the prospective adopters, who were Jehovah's Witnesses, to undertake not to withhold consent to blood transfusions being given to the child without applying to a court.

The Court of Appeal so held allowing an appeal by Mr and Mrs H against the order of Judge Collins at Wandsworth County Court on December 7, 1993 granting an adoption order in respect of S, aged five, upon their undertaking not to withhold consent to a blood transfusion being given to her during her minority as might be advised as necessary by a registered medical practitioner without application, where practicable, to a court competent to give or refuse consent. The court rescinded the undertaking.

Miss Vera Mayer, who did not appear below, for the parents; Mr Robin Spon-Smith as *amicus curiae*.

LORD JUSTICE STAUGHTON said that the appellants were committed Jehovah's Witnesses and the judge had been concerned that at some time in the future S might need a blood transfusion and the appellants, in accordance with their beliefs, would refuse to give their consent.

The appellants' attitude was that they would not impede a blood transfusion if doctors were lawfully able to give one and thought it necessary but that, on religious grounds, they would not consent.

In his Lordship's opinion, in those circumstances, if the choice was between adoption and no adoption the answer was clear: it was far better for the child to remain with the appellants, where she had been for two years. To remove the child merely because of a risk, which was probably very small, that she might one day require a blood transfusion and legal difficulties might then arise did not seem to be right.

The appellants faced the difficulty that they had given the undertaking required, indeed Mr H had said that he was happy to do so. The appellants now said that it had been given under duress and was unnecessary.

His Lordship understood the anxious feelings of prospective adopters going to court and giving evidence. Furthermore, this was a case of some importance and the welfare of the child was the first consideration. His Lordship thought that the court should not turn away the appellants on the ground of their consent and should be prepared to release them from their undertaking if necessary.

Was it best for the child that there should be an undertaking as given or should S be in all possible respects, as the lawful child of the appellants, in a similar situation as her new brothers and sisters? Or were the appellants to be second class parents as far as S was concerned?

There was no need to impose a condition for cases of emergencies because a satisfactory procedure had been agreed between the Department of Health and the Medical Defence Union where there was an urgent need for a blood transfusion and there was disagreement on religious grounds.

The only previous case in which a condition such as the present had been imposed (*Adoption Application No 308 of 1988* (unreported, July 11, 1990)) had dealt with non-emergency situations and the condition had been imposed by consent.

What difference did the undertaking make? It put upon the adoptive parents the burden and expense of applying to the court, a task they might find difficult and bewildering, rather than upon the doctors or the local authority who had established procedures.

What about enforcement? In theory if the appellants broke the undertaking they could be committed to court for contempt, his Lordship could not view such a possibility without considerable distaste.

Mr Spon-Smith had argued that the court should be reluctant to interfere with the exercise of the judge's discretion.

However, this was a new topic as far as the courts were concerned and, while cases involving Jehovah's Witnesses might be rare, the imposition of conditions might become common in adoption orders.

In his Lordship's judgment, the imposition of conditions in adoption orders should be a very rare course indeed. It had not, in any way, been appropriate in this case to impose a condition which derogated from that principle, which would make very little difference in practice and which would arise in very rare circumstances.

LORD JUSTICE WAITE, agreeing, said that the judge had been in a difficult position as the application for the adoption order had not been opposed. The proceedings had taken the form of the judge trying to get the parents to agree to the undertaking.

With hindsight, and with foresight to other cases, his Lordship regarded such problematic and sensitive cases as calling for the appointment of a guardian *ad litem* to assist the court and the child under rule 18 of the Adoption Rules (SI 1984 No 265).

Lord Justice Peter Gibson agreed.

Solicitors: Wilford McBain, Stockwell; Official Solicitor.

Nationality lost on adoption appeal

In re K (a Minor) (Adoption order: Nationality)

Before Lord Justice Neill, Lord Justice Balcombe and Lord Justice Hobhouse

[Judgment April 22]

On an appeal from an adoption order, section 1(6) of the British Nationality Act 1981 did not exclude the court from depriving a person who acquired British nationality as a consequence of the adoption order of that nationality.

In considering whether or not to make an adoption order, a judge was not entitled to take into account benefits which would accrue to the person adopted from the acquisition of nationality.

The Official Solicitor had no *locus standi* on appeal where the person adopted had attained her majority before the notice of appeal was served.

The Court of Appeal so held allowing an appeal by the second respondent, the Secretary of State for the Home Department, against an order of Mr Justice Connell made on September 15, 1993 allowing an application from Mrs H to adopt the first respondent, K.

Section 1 of the 1981 Act provides: "(6) Where an order in consequence of which any person became a British citizen by virtue of subsection (5) ceases to have effect, whether on annulment or otherwise, the cesser shall not affect the status of that person as a British citizen."

Mr Neil Garnham for the Home Secretary; Mr Lincoln Crawford for Mrs H and K; Mr Jeremy Posnansky as *amicus curiae*.

LORD JUSTICE BALCOMBE said K had been eight days short of her eighteenth birthday when Mr Justice Connell had ordered her adoption by Mrs H. The effect of the order was to confer on K British nationality, which was why the secretary of state was a party to the proceedings.

In the terms of section 1(6) of the 1981 Act it was clearly possible to say that an adoption order ceased to have effect, otherwise than on annulment, if it was discharged on appeal.

But his Lordship was reluctant to be forced to the conclusion that Parliament had effectively abrogated the right of the secretary of state, a party to the adoption proceedings, to appeal against the adoption order.

That was so fundamental a right that his Lordship would expect Parliament to have used express language if it intended to abrogate or limit that right.

The type of order contemplated by section 1(6) was an order made subsequently to the adoption proceedings and not an order made on appeal in the adoption proceedings themselves.

K was born in Sierra Leone and had been brought up by her mother who had died in 1988. Mrs H was her maternal aunt. She had adopted K in Sierra Leone in 1991 and K had then flown to London where she had gained temporary admission without entry clearance.

Mrs H had applied to adopt K with the support of the Official Solicitor as guardian *ad litem*. The secretary of state had opposed the adoption before Mr Justice Connell.

Mr Posnansky had appeared as counsel for the Official Solicitor below and appeared on appeal instructed by the Official Solicitor.

However, K having reached her majority before notice of appeal was served, the Court of Appeal had taken the view that the Official Solicitor no longer had *locus standi* and Mr Posnansky had been invited to stay as *amicus curiae*. Mr Crawford had subsequently been instructed by K as well as by Mrs H.

Mr Garnham had indicated that even if the appeal was allowed K would be granted indefinite leave to remain in the United Kingdom.

It was common ground that the judge was entitled to take into account benefits accruing to K after the age of 18, other than those derived from her status as a British national. But it was argued that the judge was not entitled to take into account benefits derived from the acquisition of nationality. That argument was based partly on principle and partly on a passage in *In re H (a Minor)* ([1986] Fam 121).

The point of principle was that a finding that the applicant's motive was to achieve nationality and the right of abode for the child, rather than to serve her general welfare was enough to rule the application out of court. If and only if the judge was satisfied that that was not the motive could he undertake a balancing exercise between public policy and K's welfare.

It was submitted that it was illogical to adopt an approach in the balancing exercise which was not permitted in the first stage of consideration.

In his Lordship's judgment, both on principle and on authority, the court, in carrying out the balancing exercise, should not take into account those benefits which flowed from the acquisition of British nationality.

It was clear that that was what the judge had done. If one left out the benefits to K deriving from nationality, the benefits accruing to her from her adoption were minimal as compared to the consideration of public policy in relation to the effect of the adoption order on nationality and the right of abode.

LORD JUSTICE HOBHOUSE, agreeing, said it was obvious where it was only a matter of days before the relevant child became an adult that the welfare consideration became minimal. The adoption order had no practical consequences for K's welfare during the remaining eight days of her childhood.

In any case where a judge was being asked to decide whether to make an adoption order in respect of a child who was not a British citizen but would become one if the order was made, the judge must have regard to the substance of the position.

It was clear that Mr Justice Connell had treated as decisive benefits which were in substance the advantages of establishing a right of abode in the United Kingdom. He had thus infringed the public policy of not allowing an application for an adoption order to be a substitute for Immigration Act criteria and procedures.

Lord Justice Neill agreed.

Solicitors: Treasury Solicitor; McHale & Co; Official Solicitor.

Council accepted housing obligation

Regina v Brent London Borough Council, Ex parte Awua

Before Lord Justice Dillon, Lord Justice Leggatt and Lord Justice Henry

[Judgment March 25]

In public sector housing of a homeless person it was relevant to take into account the fact that the local authority had accepted the full obligation under section 65 of the Housing Act 1985 to provide permanent housing for the applicant, even if the accommodation in question was merely a staging post to that end.

It was not to be assumed that whatever accommodation the local authority finally offered as suitable permanent accommodation would necessarily be rejected by the applicant as suitable.

The Court of Appeal so held in a reserved judgment in allowing an appeal from the decision of Sir Louis Blom-Cooper QC, sitting as a deputy High Court judge (*The Times* July 1, 1993) when he allowed an application for judicial review brought by the applicant, Ms Victoria Awua, against the decision of Brent London Borough Council contained in a letter of November 16, 1992 that she was intentionally homeless within the meaning of Part III of the 1985 Act.

Mr Ashley Underwood for the council; Mr Terence Gallivan for the applicant.

LORD JUSTICE DILLON said that the appeal raised an issue of some importance in the field of law concerned with housing the homeless, as to which the authorities were not all consistent.

The applicant was accepted by Tower Hamlets London Borough Council as unintentionally homeless and in priority need. She was placed in temporary accommodation until suitable permanent accommodation could be found.

When, however, Tower Hamlets offered her permanent accommodation she refused it. She was therefore evicted from the temporary accommodation.

She applied to Brent, with whose area she had some connection at an earlier stage, to be housed. Brent asserted that because she refused suitable accommodation in Tower Hamlets she was to be regarded as intentionally homeless and that Brent did not owe her the full duty under section 65 of the 1985 Act to secure that permanent accommodation became available to her. That assertion was rejected by the deputy judge and Brent appealed.

Mr Underwood submitted, *inter alia*, that when the applicant was in occupation of the temporary accommodation but was evicted and became homeless it was because of her deliberate refusal or failure to accept suitable permanent accommodation offered to her by Tower Hamlets.

In his Lordship's judgment it was relevant in public sector housing of a homeless person to take into account that the local authority had accepted the full obligation under section 65 of the 1985 Act to provide permanent housing for the homeless person, even if the accommodation in question was merely a staging post to that end.

It was not to be assumed that whatever accommodation the local authority finally offered to the applicant as suitable permanent accommodation would necessarily be rejected by the applicant as unsuitable.

The temporary accommodation offered to the applicant would have been suitable as permanent accommodation if it had been offered to her by Tower Hamlets on that basis. It was in fact, as was made plain, only offered to her on a temporary basis because of her difficulties with her children in a hotel. But Tower Hamlets had accepted the duty of finding permanent accommodation for her under section 65.

Brent correctly appreciated that it had to make its own assessment of the situation and could not just adopt decisions of Tower Hamlets. More importantly the decision letter and the evidence given on behalf of Brent showed that it had asked itself the right questions, namely, not merely whether the applicant had acted reasonably in failing to accept or to refuse the permanent accommodation offered to her by Tower Hamlets but whether her temporary accommodation was settled accommodation.

The reasoning by which Brent reached the conclusion that it was settled accommodation was not to be faulted.

Lord Justice Leggatt and Lord Justice Henry delivered concurring judgments.

Solicitors: Mr Roger Hamilton, Wembley; T. V. Edwards, Bow.

When justices need not consider the validity of levy of distress

Regina v Basildon Justices, Ex parte Holding & Barnes plc

Before Mr Justice Schiemann

[Judgment April 12]

Justices were not under a duty when hearing an appeal against levy of distress for non-payment of rates to hear and decide on evidence whether the levy was irregular before they went on to consider the exercise of their discretion to award compensation in respect of seizure of goods by bailiffs. There were alternative remedies available to an appellant who wished to challenge the regularity of a levy.

Mr Justice Schiemann so stated in a reserved judgment in the Queen's Bench Division when dismissing an application for judicial review by Holding & Barnes plc of the refusal by Basildon Justices on February 20, 1992 to hear their appeal made under regulation 15 of the Non-Domestic Rating (Collection and Enforcement) (Local Lists) Regulations (SI 1989 No 1058) on the ground that it was not in the interests of justice to hear the application.

Mr Davis Etherington for the applicant; Mr Gerald Moriarty, QC, for Basildon Justices; Mr James Dingemans for the council.

MR JUSTICE SCHIEMANN said that the application for judicial review raised a point of general interest to justices on which there was no direct authority, namely the extent of their duty when hearing an appeal against a levy of distress for non-payment of rates.

The justices were not under a duty to make an order for compensation, but had discretion to do so.

It was contended that they were obliged to hear evidence as to the regularity of the levy before they exercised that discretion.

It was further contended that they had misdirected themselves that *dicta* of Lord Widgery, Lord Chief Justice, in *Raymond Lyons & Co Ltd v Metropolitan Police Commissioner* ([1975] 1 QB 321, 326) permitted them to refuse to hear the case because complicated issues of ownership allegedly arose.

That case had been brought under the Police (Property) Act 1897 and it was clear law that the procedure for such cases was to go by way of complaint.

The present case had also been made by complaint and a summons had been issued to Basildon Counsil to answer that complaint. Therefore the points put on behalf of Holding & Barnes under section 53 of the Magistrates' Courts Act 1980 which dealt with the appropriate duties of a magistrates' court when it heard a complaint were just as valid. *Raymond Lyons & Co*, therefore, could not be distinguished.

It was understandable why the magistrates' clerk had advised in the way he did and why the justices decided to follow the guidance of Lord Widgery. In his Lordship's judgment, they were entitled so to do.

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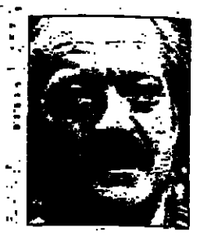
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All human life is missing

VISUAL ART:
Richard Cork
reviews a show of black humour and chilling images at the Lisson Gallery



Stephen Murphy's "computer generated" *Cell*: "A passing resemblance to the Bouncy Castles in playgrounds only reinforces its sinister impact"

At first glance, Stephen Murphy's exhibit at the Lisson Gallery simply looks like a series of family snapshots, strung along the wide, white wall. Their smallness and poor printing, so different from the glamorous sheen of the photos we collect from the chemist today, indicate that they were taken decades ago. But their emptiness soon becomes disconcerting. As our eyes travel along the row, we realise that all the pictures are eerily unpopulated.

A table is laid for a meal, but nobody is there. A pram is prominent in another picture, without any sign of a baby. Toys, scattered on the grass, are unaccompanied by children. And a back garden is occupied only by a coiled hose. The cumulative effect is unsettling. People seem to have been erased from these images as ruthlessly as the dissidents whom Stalin banished from official photographs.

But unlike the faulty airbrush elimination employed by Soviet technicians, Murphy's computerised processes are seamless. No trace remains of the figures, whose presence can only be guessed at. Knowing that Murphy has access to state-of-the-art technology, I found myself shuddering at the surgical efficiency with which humanity had been excised from these seemingly harmless pictures.

On another level, though, the images remain very open-ended in their meaning. Are they a lament for the passing of time — a melancholy acknowledgement that the people who once inhabited these snapshots are either dead or grown virtually beyond recognition? Or is Murphy after an alternative reality, generated by computer know-how to the point where it rivals anything we receive through perceptual experience? Both possibilities are tenable, but Murphy's other exhibit suggests that the latter is more important to him.

Called *Cell*, it consists of a single photograph. Monumental and glossy, it could hardly contrast more strongly with the family pictures. But the atmosphere in this green interior is disconcertingly similar. We seem to be imprisoned within a windowless space, padded and probably soundproofed as well. A passing resemblance to the Bouncy Castles in children's playgrounds only reinforces its sinister impact. It is a sterile, wholly dehumanised environment, and Murphy's ability to conjure such a credible space from computers alone only reinforces the aura of a world outside our control.

Although Murphy's fellow-exhibitors are a disparate bunch, culled from France and the USA as well as Britain, this stimulating Lisson show does have a strong overall mood. "Beyond Belief" is its collective title, and many of the exhibits possess a threatening aspect. Philippe Ramette's sculpture sounds the clearest alarm of all. *Object with which to be struck by lightning* could be described as a suicide machine. Attached to the wall, its metal headband is connected by conducting rods to a pair of empty sandals resting on a wooden block. As with Murphy, the figure is absent. But the potential effect of this appliance on the human body is readily apparent. A leather chinstrap dangles beneath the helmet, which sprouts a warrior-like spear. Without the title to guide our responses, we could easily mistake this chilling object for an executioner's weapon.



Hypnotic Suggestion 505, by Jane and Louise Wilson

Mercifully, perhaps, Ramette's macabre imagination is seasoned with wit. His most restrained exhibit, a wooden wall-piece, is called *Domestic Scaffold*. Thin, vertical and neatly contained, its capacity for destruction remains untested. But the whole notion of having a scaffold on hand in the kitchen or living-room has a certain bleak humour, and Ramette's other sculpture pursues the theme of retribution in the home.

Described as a "proposition for urban furniture", the sculpture stands on the floor like a corner sliced out of a room. Although it invites us to think of school dunces, ordered to languish in the corner of the class, the raw wood finish is more akin to a sauna than a schoolroom. But the work's title, *Object for Penitence*, banishes all thought of corporeal pleasure. This is a work apparently intended to stand in its owner's house as a warning, even though Ramette refuses to let us know how vindictive it is.

If narratives of punishment are suggested in his work, the full story is never revealed. The same policy of deliberate frustration seems to lie behind Doug Aitken's *Autumn*, a three-monitor laser-disc installation which frustrates all our attempts to find out precisely what is going on.

The opening moments of the video, simultaneously transmitted from different parts of a darkened room, seem simple enough. A jet flies above the clouds, and shots of the aeroplane are intercut with images of a young woman with blonde, close-cropped hair. Then a man is introduced, playing a record and staring at his reflection in a cluttered bedsit. But he has no obvious connection with the woman, who reappears driving through urban spaces as well as walking across flat, lonely landscapes.

Sometimes, she seems conscious of the camera's intrusive presence and stares directly into the lens. But the images go in and out of focus. Disconnection is the keynote. Towards the end, a glittering nocturnal panorama of a city from the air reminded me of the opening sequence in *Blade Runner*. Aitken's world does seem close to the alienated dystopia described by Phillip K. Dick. *Autumn* is, apparently, a re-edit of three commercial music videos made by the artist. Accompanied now by a plaintive electronic score, these jaundiced images could be intended as an antidote to the upbeat inanity of most promotional videos.

All the same, quirky humour prevents this show from depressing the spirits. Aitken's work reappears, half-hidden behind the basement stairs, and this time it relies on a pair of crutches. One, propped against the far wall, sprouts a cast of E.T.'s head. The other, grounded in an unidentifiable cast resting on the floor, bears an uncanny resemblance to a Hoover. We are back in Ramette's world of domestic dementia, and the electric lights and cables surrounding the crutches add to the air of violence barely withheld.

By no means everything in the show has the power of Murphy, Ramette and Aitken. But the big video installation by Jane and Louise Wilson does linger in the mind. Framed by a doorway, so that it resembles stage scenery, *Hypnotic Suggestion 505* has a highly theatrical presence. As the title suggests, it also possesses a built-in ability to mesmerise.

Dressed soberly, against an institutional blue curtain, the artists sit in black leather chairs. They submit to the slow, soothing, almost priestly voice of a hypnotist. And part of the video's fascination lies in the spectacle of two young women abandoning themselves to a calm yet deeply manipulative male voice.

The main drama, though, centres on the artists' reaction to their god-like instructor. They are twins: and having fallen into a trance with astonishing rapidity, their movements echo each other throughout. One of them is quicker than her sister, especially when commanded to raise her hand to her face. But on the whole, a sense of uniformity prevails. They are turned from individuals into marionettes.

Ultimately, however, the video leaves us with an enigma. The faithful recording of the hypnotism only deals with the surface of the artists' experiences. We have no inkling of how their minds behave during the session, and at the end the camera zooms in slowly on the curtain until the entire screen is filled with a mysterious, gently pulsating expanse of blue.

● *"Beyond Belief" is at the Lisson Gallery, 67 Lisson St, London NW1 (071-724 2739) until May 21*

TELEVISION REVIEW

Thriller in the jungle

Nobody doubts the power of the media to shape public perceptions of people and events. But as the story unfolded in last night's **The Hunt For Michael Jackson** (BBC2), even hardened cynics might have been taken aback by the ruthless and self-serving zeal with which the British tabloid newspapers and the American tabloid TV shows combined to turn one child's accusations of abuse at the hands of Michael Jackson into a media carnival.

Shark metaphors were thick on the ground as the avalanche of salacious and tendentious reporting gathered momentum. The dry, *American voice-over* referred to reporters engaging in "feeding frenzies", noting that information which added meat to the story at breakfast time was reduced to scraps by lunch.

The police department which began the investigation was quickly sidelined. "You're talking about a *city police force*, albeit a big one, against the resources of the *National Enquirer* and five British newspapers," explained the man wielding the *News of the World* cheque book. Clearly this was no competition, and the police were soon taking leads from the tabloid revelations. With a combination of set-piece interviews and fly-on-the-wall footage edited to produce a finely honed narrative, the programme simply played out the rope, then left the participants to get on with hanging themselves.

The morality of the newsgathering methods along with the small matter of Jackson's innocence or guilt were of little import. Diane Dimond, an American TV reporter, recalled the moment she gained clandestine access to police reports of the case. "I realised it was either going to be a superstar falsely accused or a superstar guilty of one of the most heinous crimes we know," she said with a steely glint in her eye. "So either way I couldn't lose."

Therein lay the lesson of this revealing and mildly disturbing programme, made for the PBS network in America. The process whereby Jackson's reputation was systematically destroyed was the best business most tabloid reporters could remember. "A big name in trouble, that's the best news of all," one of them declared. The *National Enquirer* got 12 cover stories out of him in six months, while *Sun* journalist Caroline Graham, reflecting the general mood of euphoria, declared it to be "probably one of the great stories of the century" (up there with the bombing of Hiroshima, presumably).

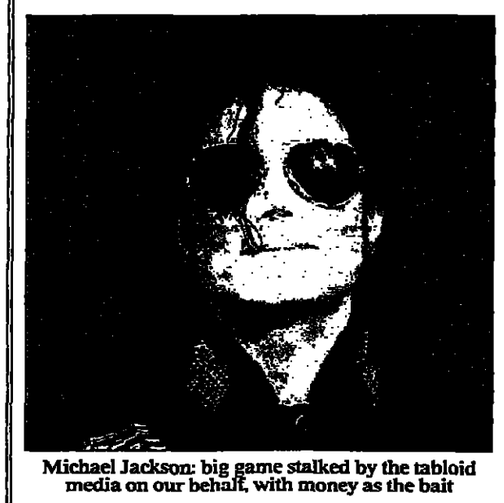
But if a great story is defined as one that readers *most want to hear about* then, regrettably, perhaps it was. It is as if public demand for scandal is now sufficient to make sure it happens.

> "A public demand for scandal now seems to make it happen"

Maybe Jackson groped the boy. Maybe he didn't. But the motive which appears to have driven most of those involved in the case — apart from Jackson *himself* — was not so much a desire to find out the truth, or see justice done, let alone protect the innocent, as a desire to sell newspapers and make money. Everyone seems to have jumped on the bandwagon, from the father of the allegedly abused boy, who is thought to have received a $20 million settlement from Jackson, to Jackson's maid who sold her story for a relatively modest $30,000. Even as Jackson's mother and father loyally declared their intention to stand by their son, their "broker" was letting it be known that an interview with the couple would cost $100,000.

This was a fascinating insight into the modern "infotainment" jungle, where news and entertainment are all one business and Michael Jackson and his ilk have become the big game which the tabloid media stalk on our behalf. Money is the bait, while the truth, like blood, is just a messy substance which sometimes gets in the way.

DAVID SINCLAIR



Michael Jackson: big game stalked by the tabloid media on our behalf, with money as the bait

POP: The new big name of British reggae in Norwich; a low-profile veteran of American roots music in Islington

Star shines all too brightly

Bitty McLean
UEA Norwich

BITTY McLean sings with the youthful enthusiasm of his 21 years and much of the confidence of someone a great deal older. It is no wonder that he is celebrated as the new star of British reggae.

Since his recording debut last year, he has had three hit singles, produced, mixed and engineered his album *Just To Let You Know*, and he has supported UB40 in front of thousands.

Indeed, he owes a lot to his more famous West Midlands colleagues. It was in their studio that he learnt their technical skills, and it is their influence that can be detected in his astute choice of cover versions and in his lovely tenor voice.

The Bitty McLean roadshow is a carefully orchestrated pop event. The highly proficient brass section perform, with a touch of embarrassed awkwardness, their little choreographed movements. Bitty himself paces the stage in his white waistcoat, dragooning his audience into shape, insisting that they enjoy themselves. And they do.

The upbeat cheeriness of the show is, like a plate of cream cakes, hard to resist but also easy to regret. "It Keeps Rainin' ", the Fats Domino number that was Bitty's first hit, is performed as the jolliest of songs, despite the fact that its lyrics speak gloomily of how "since you've been gone, all I do is cry". It has the same *disturbing effect* as using the theme from *Neighbours* to introduce the *Nine O'Clock News*.

Bitty McLean, it seems, is not one for dark thoughts or bitter feelings. He introduces "What Goes Around", as a song that settles old scores, but it seems to be completely devoid of rancour: with an enemy like Bitty, you don't really need friends.

Even when he surveys the world about him, his only injunction is "be nice": "be not selfish in your doings, help your brothers in their needs."

The trouble with this is not the niceness itself. It is the limit it puts on the performance. Everything is in danger of being enveloped in a benign blandness.

His version of "Dedicated to the One I Love" (his current chart success) is sung twice, and each time its very tastefulness makes the Mamas and Papas' earlier version seem dangerously avant-garde.

Only once does he really stretch his voice, letting it crack with a genuine sense of yearning on his own "Forever Be Mine". Then, and at the moments when he sings unaccompanied and unselfconsciously, you are reminded that *his is a real talent.*

JOHN STREET

Return of a rambler

Townes Van Zandt
Union Chapel, N1

"WHAT'S this place called, anyway?" asked Townes Van *Zandt of his audience, with the* absent-mindedness of the long-distance guitar player. Jobbing musicians have to look at life through a rear-view mirror, but this first visit to England in more than two years was made more auspicious by its setting in a church in Islington, where the congregation hung on his every word as Townes performed solo just in front of the pulpit.

Van Zandt has loitered on the periphery of the roots-*music mainstream for three* decades, beginning his road life in the Texas coffee houses of the mid-Sixties. He has the kind of profile that could only be lower by going subterranean. But he received a credibility injection recently when a new version of his haunting ballad "Kathleen" was recorded by the much favoured indie band Tindersticks, whose lead singer Stuart Staples was in the audience for what turned out to be a delightfully intimate and *engaging performance* by this little-documented American troubador.

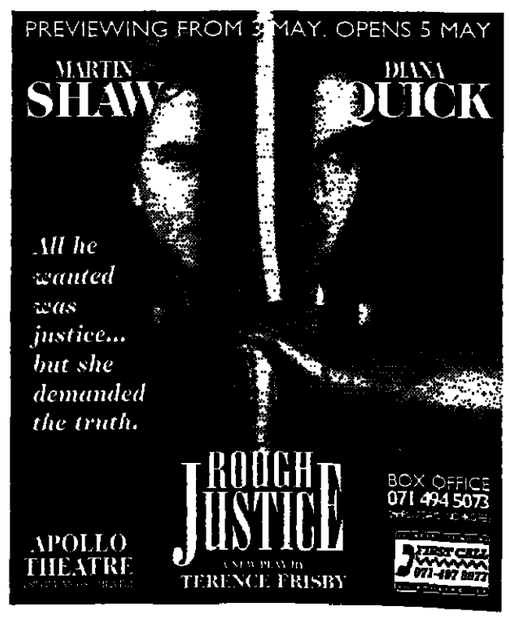
The enigmatic vocals and *sparse arrangements of* Van Zandt's spasmodic recordings have tended to increase his mysterious "man with no name" image and certainly did not match the easy-going raconteur of this show, whose pleasantly weathered voice and organic, narrative songwriting now pitch him as Bruce Springsteen's funnier uncle.

He told a wonderful, rambling tale about performing in Dallas at the same time as both *Billy Graham and a* convention of religious gurus, driving into town in a beaten-up car with his flower child driver whose licence had *expired 15 years previously.* This led into another of his best-known tunes, "Pancho and Lefty", the title song of a chart-topping country album by the more illustrious Merle Haggard and Willie Nelson in 1983.

He took some pleasure in telling us about his friendship with the Blues legend Lightnin' Hopkins — "I played with him 20, maybe 30 times and by the end, I think he almost remembered my *name*" — and announced that he finished recording a new album in Limerick during the Irish part of the current tour.

The tour continues in Birmingham tonight and at eight further English and Scottish venues until May 8 and is warmly recommended if you're partial to unvarnished musical storytelling and distinctly strange humour. As Townes said: "Always remember: time flies like an arrow, but fruit flies like a banana."

PAUL SEXTON



TODAY'S EVENTS

A daily guide to arts and entertainment compiled by Kris Anderson

LONDON

PHOENIX: The Leeds-based company returns with three London premieres. *Fatal Strategy* by the American choreographer Donald Byrd is inspired by themes of seduction and counter-seduction. Darshan Singh Bhuller uses boxing as a metaphor for other kinds of violence in *Heart Of Chaos*, and company member Pamela Johnson's *Face Our Own Face* is about images of black women.
Sadler's Wells, Rosebery Avenue EC1 (071-278 8916). Tonight-Sat, 7.30pm.

RENDERINGS. Yo-Yo Ma and the **London Philharmonic** kick off a festival celebrating the music of Luciano Berio. Tonight's programme includes the composer's *Formazione*, Haydn's Cello Concerto in D and Beethoven's Symphony No 6, "Pastoral". Zoltan Pesko conducts. The festival itself will incorporate music, music theatre and video works from schoolchildren and prison inmates, performances from the Hallé and the London Sinfonietta and the UK premiere of his opera *La Vera Storia* with the BBC Philharmonic. See interview, page 39.
Festival Hall, South Bank SE1 (071-928 8800). Tonight, 7.30pm.

THE FABULOUS LYPSINKA SHOW Aka John Epperson, who presents an entire drag show lip-synching to B-movie dialogue and songstresses — the likes of Joan Crawford, Gloria Swanson and Ethel Merman. An off-Broadway cult and said to be pretty clever.
Drill Hall, Chenies St WC1 (071-637 8270). Previews tonight, 8pm, opens tomorrow. Then Tue-Sat, 8pm, until May 21.

THE GRAPES OF WRATH An effective stage adaptation of Steinbeck's account of the Okies' trek west to the heartbreak of California. A co-production by 7:84 Theatre and Dundee Rep; part of a national tour.
Shaw, Euston Road NW1 (071-388 1394). Tonight-Sat, 7.30pm; mat Thurs, 2pm.

ELSEWHERE

BIRMINGHAM: Simon Rattle conducts the **CBSO** tonight and tomorrow in a programme which includes Rameau's *Dances from Les Boréades*, Debussy's *La Mer* and Haydn's Symphony No 86 and closes with Bartók's suite, *The Miraculous Mandarin*.
Symphony Hall, Broad Street (021-212 3333). Tue and Wed, 7.30pm. Plus a free talk from Roy Howat on "Debussy, Master of Orchestration" at 6.15pm.

CANTERBURY: Northern Ballet Theatre continues to celebrate its silver anniversary this week with final performances of Christopher Gable's award-winning *Romeo and Juliet* for several months. Choreographed by Massimo Moricone.
Marlowe, The Friars (0227 787787). Tonight-Fri, 7.30pm, mat Thurs, 2.30pm; Sat, 2pm and 7pm.

MOLD: David Yelland and Maria Aitken play the Windsors in *HRH*, Snoo Wilson's satiric account of what the pair got up to while he was governing the Bahamas during World War Two. Giles Havergal directs, designs by Kenny Miller. Last week of performances.
Theatr Clwyd, Emlyn Williams Studio (0352 755114). Tonight-Sat, 7.45pm; mats Thurs and Sat, 2.45pm.

SWINDON: Italian choreographer Mauro Bigonzetti premieres his first work for a British company with the opening of a tour of medium-scale theatres by **English National Ballet**. *X.N.Tricities* has music by Giuseppe Cali and leather costumes by Kristopher Millar and Lois Swandale. The programme also includes new stagings of the classic showpieces *Grand Pas* from Petipa's *Paquita*, and dances from Bournonville's *Napoli*. Plus *Impromptu*, Derek Deane's duet set to music by Schubert.
Wyvern, Theatre Square (0793 524481). Tonight, tomorrow, 7.30pm.

NEWCASTLE: The Laing is the first gallery outside London to benefit from the Masterpiece Loan Exhibition series organised by the National Art Collections Fund. It is now showing one of only two works by Severini in British public collections: *Danseuse No 5* (1915-16), an example of the modern Futurist style.
Laing Art Gallery, Higham Place (091-232 7734). Mon-Sat, 10am-5pm; Sun, 2-5pm. On display until July 14.

LONDON GALLERIES

British Museum: Sackler Galleries of the Ancient Near East and Egypt (071-636 1555) ... **Festival Hall:** Home Works: Design for the Home, closes Wed (071-928 3002) ... **Hayward:** Salvador Dalí/ Unbound (071-928 3144) ... **Kenwood House:** Caro's Trojan Wars (081-348 1286) ... **National Portrait Gallery:** Annie Liebovitz (071-306 0055) ... **National Gallery:** Zurbarán: Jacob and his Twelve Sons (071-839 3321) ... **Royal Academy of Arts:** Goya (071-439 7438) ... **Tate:** Picasso (071-887 8008) ... **Victoria & Albert:** The Glass Gallery (071-938 8500)

THEATRE GUIDE

Jeremy Kingston's assessment of theatre showing in London

■ House full, returns only
◪ Some seats available
□ Seats at all prices

◪ **ANORAK OF FIRE:** Last week for Stephen Dinsdale's hilarious but also touching account of a trainspotter's obsession. James Holmes plays the dedicated hero. Deservedly a cult.
Arts, Great Newport St, WC2 (071-836 2132). Tonight-Sat, 8pm, mat Sat, 6pm.

◪ **DEAD FUNNY.** Terry Johnson's complex (perhaps too much so) web of connections between sexually arrested comics and their admirers. With Zoë Wanamaker and David Haig.
Vaudeville, Strand, WC2 (071-836 9987). Mon-Sat, 7.45pm, mats Wed and Sat, 3pm.

■ **ERASMUS MONTANUS:** Return of Holberg's clever comedy, delightfully staged. A young Danish prig goes back to the farm, armed with a degree and receives his comeuppance. Nominated for best ensemble and best director for Julian Forsyth, London Fringe Awards 1993-1994.
Greenwich Studio Theatre, Prince of Orange, Greenwich High Road, SE10 (081-858 2862). Tonight-Sun, 8pm. Final week.

◪ **AN EVENING WITH PETER USTINOV** The company of a clever, cultured and witty man of many worlds. One of the world's most masterly raconteurs returns for four weeks only.
Theatre Royal, Haymarket, SW1 (071-930 8800). Tue-Sat, 7.30pm; mat Sun, 3pm.

◪ **HATED NIGHTFALL** Howard Barker turns the last days of the Romanoffs into a polemic about something, tyranny or feckless rulers or vindictive underlings.
Royal Court, Sloane Square, SW1 (071-730 1745). Mon-Sat, 7.30pm; mat Sat, 3.30pm. Until May 7.

■ **HOT SHOE SHUFFLE:** Hit Australian musical about seven tap dancing brothers and their tangle footed sister. Exuberantly done and very slick, with lots of Big Band music.
Queens, Shaftsbury Avenue, W1 (071-494 5040). Mon-Sat, 8pm; mats Wed and Sat, 3pm.

□ **LADY WINDERMERE'S FAN:** Rough Magic's so-so version of Wilde, using cross-dressing to clever effect but less astute in its treatment of the mother-daughter theme.
Tricycle, 269 Kilburn High St, NW6 (071-328 1000). Mon-Sat, 8pm; mats April 27 and May 4, 2pm and Sats 4pm. Until May 7.

◪ **A MONTH IN THE COUNTRY.** Helen Mirren and John Hurt head a great cast for Turgenev's classic of love, jealousy and self-deception.
Albery, St Martin's Lane, WC2 (071-867 1115). Mon-Sat, 7.30pm, mats Thurs and Sat, 3pm.

◪ **STILL CRAZY AFTER ALL THESE YEARS.** For one week only **Helen Lederer** airs her disarming, comic confessions.
Donmar Warehouse, Earlham St WC2 (071-867 1150). Tonight-Sat, 8pm; mat Sat, 5pm.

◪ **SWEENEY TODD:** Sondheim's subtle, savage musical stars Starring Denis Quilley and Julia McKenzie.
National (Lyttelton), South Bank, SE1 (071-928 2252). Tonight, 7.30pm; tomorrow, 2pm and 7.30pm.

□ **TOUCHED:** Three short pieces co-devised by Richard Cameron, author of the excellent *Pond Life*. Glimpses of madness shown through dance, mime and text.
BAC Studio One, Lavender Hill, SW11 (071-223 2223). Tue-Sat, 8.30pm; Sun, 6.30pm. Until May 8.

□ **TRAVESTIES:** Stoppard's dazzler, transferred after its sell-out season at the Barbican. Antony Sher is the Consul playing fast and loose with memory. Adrian Noble directs.
Savoy, Strand, WC2 (071-836 8888). Mon-Sat, 7.30pm; mat Sat, 2.30pm. Booking until June 4.

LONG RUNNERS

◪ **An Absolute Turkey:** Globe (071-494 5065) ... □ **April in Paris:** Ambassadors (071-836 6111) ... □ **Blood Brothers:** Phoenix (071-867 1044) ... □ **Buddy:** Victoria Palace (071-834 1317) ... □ **Carousel:** Shaftesbury (071-379 5399) ... ◪ **Cats:** New London (071-405 0072) □ **Crazy for You:** Prince Edward (071-734 8951) ... ◪ **Don't Dress for Dinner:** Duchess (071-494 5070) ... ◪ **Five Guys Named Moe:** Lyric (071-494 5045) ... ■ **Grease:** Dominion (071-416 6060) ... □ **An Inspector Calls:** Aldwych (071-836 6404) ... (071-930 8800) ... ◪ **Les Misérables:** Palace (071-434 0909) ... ◪ **Miss Saigon:** Theatre Royal (071-494 5400) ... □ **The Mousetrap:** St Martin's (071-836 1443) ... □ **Oleanna.** Duke of York's (071-836 5122) ... ■ **The Phantom of the Opera:** Her Majesty's (071-494 5400) □ **Piaf:** Piccadilly (071-867 1118) ◪ **Starlight Express:** Apollo Victoria (071-828 8665) ... □ **The Woman in Black:** Fortune (071-836 2238)

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CINEMA GUIDE

Geoff Brown's assessment of films in London and (where indicated with the symbol ◆) on release across the country

NEW RELEASES

BACK IN THE USSR (15): Dull US potboiler shot in Moscow, with Frank Whaley as a young tourist sucked into the city's underworld. Deran Sarafian directs, with Natalya Negoda.
MGMs: Oxford Street (071-630 0310) **Panton Street** (071-930 0631)

BEYOND BEDLAM (18): Serial killer's mental rehabilitation goes haywire. Vigorous but overly gruesome British shocker, with Elizabeth Hurley, Craig Fairbrass and Keith Allen. Director, Vadim Jean.
MGMs: Chelsea (071-352 5096) **Oxford Street** (071-630 0310) **Trocadero** (071-434 0031) **Warner** (071-437 4343)

PAINTED HEART (15): Failed attempt at off-beat Americana from new director Michael Taav, with Will Patton and Robert Pastorelli as housepainters clashing in love.
Metro (071-437 0757)

SONATINE: Quirky Japanese bloodbath with lyrical interludes from cult director-actor Takeshi Kitano.
ICA (071-930 3647)

CURRENT

AND THE BAND PLAYED ON (12): Worthy, star-studded chronicle of the Aids epidemic, in need of a tighter focus. With Matthew Modine, Alan Alda and Ian McKellen. Director, Roger Spottiswoode.
MGM Shaftesbury Avenue (071-836 6279)

◆ **BACKBEAT** (15): Bouncy, toe-tapping story of the fifth Beatle, Stuart Sutcliffe. With Stephen Dorff, Sheryl Lee and Ian Hart. Director, Iain Softley.
Camden Plaza (071-485 2443) **MGM Oxford Street** (071-636 0310) **Odeons: Kensington** (0426 914666) **Marble Arch** (0426 914501) **Swiss Cottage** (0426 914098) **West End** (0426-915 574) **UCI Whiteleys** (071-792 3332)

◆ **COOL RUNNINGS** (PG): Cheerful comedy about the Jamaican bobsled team at the 1988 Winter Olympics. John Turteltaub directs John Candy, Leon and Doug E. Doug.
MGM Trocadero (071-434 0031) **Odeon Kensington** (0426-914 666) **UCI Whiteleys** (071-792 3332) **Warner** (071-437 4343)

THE DIARY OF LADY M (18): French cabaret singer bares her body and soul with a Catalan painter. Tedious sex folly from director Alain Tanner, with Myriam Mézières.
MGM Piccadilly (071-437 3561)

FEARLESS (15): Strange, powerful tale of air crash survivors, with fearless Jeff Bridges and grief-stricken Rosie Perez. Isabella Rossellini co-stars as Bridges' wife. Director, Peter Weir.
Gate (071-727 4043) **MGMs: Fulham Road** (071-370 2636) **Tottenham Court Road** (071-636 6148) **Screen/Baker Street** (071-935 2772) **UCI Whiteleys** (071-792 3332) **Warner** (071-439 4343)

THE JOY LUCK CLUB (15): Handsome but shallow version of Amy Tan's novel about Chinese-American families and culture. Wayne Wang directs an accomplished ensemble.
Barbican (071-638 8891) **Curzon West End** (071-439 4805) **MGMs: Baker Street** (071-935 9772) **Fulham Road** (071-370 2636)

◆ **PHILADELPHIA** (12): Tom Hanks and Denzel Washington in an Aids victim's fight for justice, dynamically told. Jonathan Demme directs.
MGMs: Chelsea (071-352 5096) **Trocadero** (071-434 0031) **Odeons: Kensington** (0426 914666) **Mezzanine** (0426 915683) **Swiss Cottage** (0426 914098) **UCI Whiteleys** (071-792 3332)

◆ **THE PIANO** (15): Jane Campion's magnificent tale of repression and desire in mid-19th century New Zealand. With Holly Hunter, Sam Neill, Harvey Keitel.
MGMs: Fulham Road (071-370 2636) **Panton Street** (071-930 0631) **Swiss Centre** (071-439 4470) **Plaza** (0800 888997)

THE SCENT OF GREEN PAPAYA (U): Visually exquisite portrait of a Saigon servant girl, made in France. Impressive debut by director Tran Anh Hung.
Metro (071-437 0757) **Renoir** (071-837 8402)

◆ **SHADOWLANDS** (U): Richard Attenborough's skilful rendition of C.S. Lewis's emotional awakening. With Anthony Hopkins and Debra Winger.
MGM Chelsea (071-638 8891) **Odeons: Kensington** (0426 914666) **Haymarket** (0426 915353) **Swiss Cottage** (0426 914098) **Warner** (071-437 4343)

TOM & VIV (15): Absorbing, downbeat account of T. S. Eliot's first marriage. With Miranda Richardson and Willem Dafoe. Director, Brian Gilbert.
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LES VISITEURS (15): Crude, raucous time-travelling comedy, a huge hit in France. With Christian Clavier, Jean Reno. Director, Jean-Marc Poiré.
MGM Swiss Centre (071-439 4470)

THEATRE: A new Ayckbourn; plus a Sixties original revived, and an evening of madness

Spectral sonata from a master

Haunting Julia
Stephen Joseph Theatre, Scarborough

ALAN Ayckbourn: wow, what a spooky guy. His latest play, directed by himself, is a ghost story. *Wildest Dreams*, which dabbled with inter-galactic aliens, pales in comparison, though frankly it was pretty anaemic in the first place.

Julia, the musical prodigy whose teenage suicide 12 years ago has remained unexplained, never exactly materialises. However, we hear her footsteps on the stairs and a haunting tune on a spectral piano in her student digs which her claustrophobically protective father Joe has turned into a museum. He now returns there with her former boyfriend Andy, who may have caused her to kill herself.

Overall, *Haunting Julia* is an eerie yarn for a dark night. Humour hovers throughout in the corner of your eye while upsetting images of bereaved grief and guilt rise up and fade away. There are melodramatic moments, and Julia seems to have lost some of her inventive originality in the beyond. She records echoey laughter over the museum's press-and-listen soundtrack. Nevertheless, Ayckbourn manages to twist a mystery out of such clichés. We are rendered both superstitious and suspicious, not certain if the uncanny goings-on are genuine or a theatrical set-up by Joe or Ken the psychic.

Ayckbourn revisits themes floated in his recent works: death; time; how men destroy women; and how women exert power over men. In spite of dealing with the supernatural, this play feels surprisingly real. The resurfacing of history is less complicatedly contrived than in *Time of My Life* with its tables in present, past and future, and *Communicating Doors* where a woman goes into a cupboard and comes out 20 years earlier. This drama does reminisce at length about an absentee, yet the human relations seem more fleshed out than in *Wildest Dreams*.

Damien Goodwin's Andy, the sceptic of the threesome concerning the spirit world, is not totally believable himself (the part is slightly awkward) but Ian Hogg's Joe is excellent, stockily bluff while teetering on the edge of breakdown. Adrian McLoughlin is nerdy, likeable and electrically charged as Ken, Ayckbourn's ghostbuster in an anorak. Still, it becomes increasingly clear that this persona is the ESP scene's answer to priests and shrinks. He gets Joe and Andy to talk through their trauma, and theatre starts to look like therapy.

The play has trouble finishing itself off. The tension builds towards Julia's arrival yet special effects are not the stage's strong point. How scared can you be by a squirt of mist, a green gel and a wind machine? Joe's brief chat with an invisible being is disappointing as a cathartic and dramatic climax.

Ayckbourn's study of "Little Miss Mozart" reinvestigates territory explored in *Amadeus*: the character of a genius; a composer's relationship with a father she cannot shake off; and creativity that drives towards premature death. This is also a play for today. It touches on the failures of education and parenting, on media pressure and overdoses. Kurt Cobain comes to mind. More universally *Haunting Julia* mourns how, in adolescence and adulthood, we do our loves wrong.

KATE BASSETT



Damien Goodwin as the sceptical Andy in Alan Ayckbourn's spooky new ghost story, *Haunting Julia*

Back to bed with paranoia intact

Little Malcolm and his Struggle against the Eunuchs
Orange Tree, Richmond

AT THE start of David Halliwell's best-known play Malcolm is in bed, urging himself to get up and show the world he is a man of power. At the end he is alone in the room again but this time screwing up his courage to step outside and confess that he is little. The play is of its time (mid-1960s) not just in stating that its hero may be capable of better things but in hinting that these could begin around the next corner — and in reaching this conclusion by way of a monologue that is really a duologue between his brave and cowardly selves.

In 1965 the play survived two weeks in the West End, with John Hurt as the crazed, art-student hero. It had also played a season at the old Unity Theatre, directed by Mike Leigh in what must have been his first stage production — and wildly disorganised it was: the first two acts lasted over three hours. But the play was always an original, and Dominic Hill's successful new production makes clear that it belongs not to its time alone. Students may not always be revolting but the roots of paranoia are invariably worth digging out.

Malcolm has been expelled from his Huddersfield art school, plots revenge on the master who threw him out and persuades three other students to form a political party ("Hail, Scrawdyke!") to fight Eunuchy. Except for Irwin, permanently alarmed and stammering, the conspirators combine fertile imagination with exhaustible gifts of the gab, and each is allowed a sort of aria, sublimely funny, in which to show himself off. Even Irwin has his equivalent, incompetently blathering his way through a supposedly eye-witness report, and so cleverly sustained in James Kerr's performance that I thought I would do myself an injury.

The play has a much darker side. The student japes become grimmer. A parody of a Nuremberg rally leads into a state trial where the disputatious historian of the party, one Dennis Nipple (Andrew Callaway, all beady eyes and twitching nose), finds himself arraigned for treason before a savage court where only two pleas are possible, "Guilty" and "Very Guilty".

The action never leaves Malcolm's awful room, where unwashed plates spill over from the untouchable sink, but with a stylistic invention unique for an English play in 1965, Halliwell makes his characters act out all their brave plans in fantasy, before anything has happened. The theft of a painting from the art gallery is shown with a pedantic detail that includes arguments as to which side of the lift are the push-buttons. One of the students (Fergus O'Donnell) is insulted and bullied as the hated master will be.

Guy Oliver-Watts gives Malcolm Scrawdyke the gaunt shagginess of a layabout and a ferocity of speech that feeds upon itself in the manner of all demagogues. His dead eyes glitter, the lips spit hatred. Sexual timidity is his trouble, of course, and as the boundary between fantasy and the real gives way, his girl (Kay Frosdick) is subjected to a physical attack that is disturbing today, and 30 years ago must have seemed like the end of civilisation. A strong, funny, serious play.

JEREMY KINGSTON

Deadly neighbours

Baldy Hopkins
Cochrane, WC1

FIVE nutters in macs scoot in, freeze at the edge of the stage and eyeball the audience. "Right, that's how we do it," they say. And they do it again. This is the way the Right Size theatre company begins its latest clowning-based play. Unfortunately, *Baldy Hopkins* goes badly wrong. It's not just that being follicly-challenged has nothing to do with the madcap goings-on in this rundown boarding house-cum-tower-block. It's that the piece consists of such sparse tufts of invention.

The cast, ogling us at the end merely for the sake of symmetry, has to say "That's it" so the audience knows to clap. Director Hamish McColl has failed to develop this co-devised drama about mutually supportive, then murderous, neighbours beyond a sequence of comic routines — often too routine to be comic. It is structurally unsound. There is a barbershop song here, a slapstick fight there. And everybody is sent slipping and sliding and slamming standing doors in the largely irrelevant rainstorm scenes that frame the main action.

Anyway, why is the authority figure, who inexplicably declares one of the lodgers must go, a tramp? Maybe this is some futuristic society. It makes little sense otherwise. There is another sketch in which everyone, fearing for their own skins before they pick the foreigner among them for their victim, flinches at everyone else flinching. It is hardly hairy or startlingly funny despite its wider implications. The inhabitants have woken to find their home has been ominously boarded up, but I had been bored to death some time before.

The building has its delights. These are apartments for absurdists. A kitchen unit flips over by itself, turning into an armchair. Max (Sean Foley), going round the twist as an unemployee, dashes round one side of the central booth where we see a bit of down-sloping banister. He immediately pops up the other side at the top of a flight of steps. Gangly George (Darren Tunstall in a cardie and flares) has only to walk across stage and he is trespassing next door.

The trouble is that these cartoon characters are hardly less flimsy than the walls. Performers like Paul Hunter and Grainne Byrne can be far better. *Baldy Hopkins* needs reconstructing, this time with emotional foundations.

KATE BASSETT

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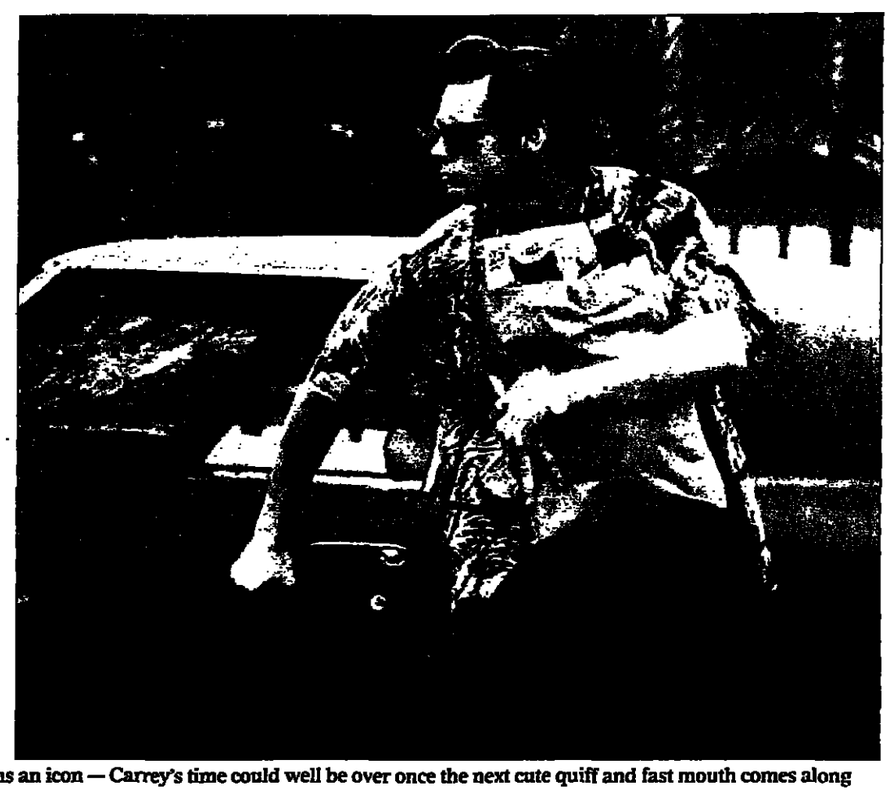
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Pile 'em high, sell 'em down the river

Hollywood's stars seem to be here today, gone tomorrow. Geoff Brown reports on film's disposable icons





Cary Grant at the height of his fame in 1958; Jim Carrey at the height of his in 1994. Grant remains an icon — Carrey's time could well be over once the next cute quiff and fast mouth comes along

If Warner Brothers have their way, a new star will shine over Britain this week. His name is Jim Carrey; he sports a quiff, a mouth malleable enough to be made of rubber, and an abrasive, smart-aleck attitude. He hails from the American television comedy series *In Living Color*, and his bird-brained film debut *Ace Ventura, Pet Detective*, released here on Friday, has caused a box-office stampede in the States.

If he fails to tickle your fancy — something quite possible if you loathe Jerry Lewis — you are in for trouble. Another Carrey film is due out this summer, two more are in the pipeline, and people are already talking sequels.

The extraordinary speed of Carrey's ascent shows how eagerly Hollywood pounces on any player who catches the public eye. Eighty-four years after the silent film player Florence Lawrence emerged from anonymity to be promoted by the producer Carl Laemmle, paving the way for the American star system, film stars still rule the universe. The right name above the title will pull in crowds. The wrong name spells two men and a dog.

But not every promotion job works on the public. In the 1930s Sam Goldwyn came a famous cropper with Anna Sten, shipped over from Europe as a kind of Garbo Mark II. Fox producer Darryl F. Zanuck regularly blew trumpets for lady friends like the model Genevieve Gilles, who appeared in 1970's *Hello-Goodbye*. The title sums up her film career, as it sums up those of so many "discoveries".

Even when the public bestows its approval, the star's lustre may easily dim. A damp-proof course comes with a guarantee; stardom does not. Sometimes scandal casts its shadow. Comic Fatty Arbuckle never recovered from the weekend high-jinks in 1921 that left actress Virginia Rappé dead from a ruptured bladder: it is hard making people laugh when you are tried for manslaughter three times, even if you are finally acquitted.

At other times, the fashion in faces may change, and the public will simply move on. If a star makes too many films, particularly bad ones, familiarity may breed contempt. This happened in the early sound period to poor Conrad Nagel, a likeable actor who was pushed into one MGM stinker after another. Some say this was Louis B. Mayer's perverse revenge for having Nagel give him voice lessons to smooth out his junk dealer's English.

Conversely, if a star makes too few films, the public may go off the boil. Julia Roberts, everyone's darling after *Pretty Woman*, put her career in jeopardy by taking a two-year sabbatical after *Hook*; although the healthy box-office returns of her comeback vehicle *The Pelican Brief* indicate people still want to see her toss that hair and flash those teeth.

But for how much longer? Will Roberts, currently a radiant 26, have the stamina and maturity to survive into middle-age and beyond? For all the past catalogue of shooting stars, the top players of the past seemed to manage it with ease. People like Cary Grant, Bette Davis, Gary Cooper, Joan Crawford, James Stewart and Spencer Tracy had careers that stretched over three or four decades. They played flapper girls, cowpokes, young men about town; once the sand passed through the hourglass, they were patriarchs, judges, or dotty old ladies.

Various factors make today's stars less built to last than the old constellations. In the 1930s, stars were the property of Hollywood studios, chained to long-term contracts. The more rambunctious stars may have felt like prisoners: Davis was particularly rebellious. But the studios also nurtured and protected their talents: if their stars did not shine, box-office receipts would soon start to slip.

Today, with the studio system long vanished, no star has a long-term contract. They make deals instead, usually using their own personal film companies as a lever. Kevin Costner generates his projects through Tig Productions, Julia Roberts, very much back in business now, works through YMA, while Meg Ryan, newly hot after *Sleepless In Seattle*, calls herself Fandango.

The stars' demand for control over their films is nothing new: this was why Charlie Chaplin, D.W. Griffith, Mary Pickford and Douglas Fairbanks formed United Artists in 1919. But the lack of the studio system's safety net can make them more vulnerable than before to serious misjudgments about their gifts.

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Take Sylvester Stallone. He started out brightly in the mid-1970s as an unusual face and voice, then hit the big time writing and starring in that hymn to the underdog, *Rocky*. Scripts for *F.I.S.T.* and *Paradise Alley* (his directing debut) gave further proof of an interesting talent, but the gruelling *Rocky* sequel machine beckoned instead. Once the Rambo character surfaced in *First Blood*, Stallone found another vehicle for showing off his sinews and grunting through dialogue.

Rightly feeling stuck in a rut, he then had a brainstorm: why not broaden his range with comedy? The painful results were *Oscar* and *Stop! Or My Mom Will Shoot*, both released to a chorus of audience disinterest. The lesson learnt, he stopped trying to be Noel Coward with muscles and went back to basics, clambering over the Rockies in *Cliffhanger*.

Unpalatable though it may be for actors with an itch, audiences actually want their idols typecast. A leading male hunk like Mel Gibson scraped by playing Hamlet and the disfigured hero of *The Man Without a Face*, but he was clearly playing with fire. Look at history. Grant donned 18th-century clothes for *The Howards of Virginia* and turned cockney drifter for *None but the Lonely Heart*, but he only became Cary Grant, superstar, by repeatedly playing debonair, sharp-witted Americans caught in the battle of the sexes. Players who keep on changing identities find a lower niche as character actors — take Gene Hackman, for example: a formidable talent, but lacking a star's aura.

Today's stars face another, cruel problem: the ageing process. In past decades, cinema audiences grew old with their heroes, and were more inclined to take wrinkles or increased poundage in their stride. Current audiences, predominantly in the 17-to-25 age range, are less likely to sympathise. They want youth, pep, a sense of now. And while older players can still find success — consider Jack Lemmon and Walter Matthau, bickering away in *Grumpy Old Men*, a big hit in the States — the right vehicles are hard to find.

Even without accidental deaths such as River Phoenix's, it is hard to imagine most of the youngsters who emerged in the 1980s maturing into long-term stars. They have neither the right faces, nor the right talent or training. If Emilio Estevez does not play a young punk, he plays nothing, although his brother Charlie Sheen shows more adaptability. Matt Dillon cannot portray soulful, seedy layabouts forever; while at 33, Michael J. Fox is fast running out of opportunities to be fresh-faced and cuddly. And who will want Macaulay Culkin once his voice breaks?

The lesson is clear. Carrey should grab his movie chances now. They will not last.

Recomposing composers

The South Bank festival honouring Luciano Berio begins tonight. Stephen Pettitt spoke to him



Among the works in the Berio season are several that, appropriately, are not by him

Britons seem to like *Luciano Berio*. The most recent festival entirely devoted to his music, one of the BBC's January retrospectives, took place in 1990. Next year he achieves his three-score-and-ten and, in premature celebration, he is about to arrive in this country to participate in another festival, called Renderings, which opens on the South Bank today and runs until *May 14*.

During the festival much music besides his own will be played. That is important, for Berio is the kind of composer who is constantly examining and changing contexts and definitions, blurring distinctions and expanding horizons. There are infinite ways of looking at things, infinite layers to explore.

Berio poses some fundamental questions: what is symphony, what is opera? That is why some of his titles — *Sinfonia*, *Opera*, *Chamber Music* — simply indicate genres, although the pieces themselves are radical reviews, through deconstruction and reconstruction, of those genres. Thus, *Opera* (1970), composed to a libretto by *Umberto Eco, was an opera* about opera. So, more overtly, was *Un re in ascolto* (1984), with text by Italo Calvino.

La vera storia (1981) which receives a long overdue British premiere, albeit semi-staged, on May 14, also has a libretto by Calvino. It reconsiders the plot of *Il trovatore* and calls into question the very notion of stories being true. Characters fall into and out of focus, sections of plot are abstracted. As in *Un re in ascolto* the *intention seems* to be deliberately to blur distinctions, to draw lines between drama and reality. All our lives and everything in them is to a degree fantasy, and all theatre to a degree real; Berio asks to what degree.

A desire to make connections is what *Twice Upon . . .*, a South Bank commission for the festival that will involve players from the Hallé Orchestra, London schoolchildren and the viola player Aldo Bennici in clown costume, is all about. The piece starts on the Festival Hall's Ballroom Floor half an hour before the main concert on April 29. It ends with the performers leading the audience into the hall. "It is a little thing, nothing special," Berio says. "But I did it because I have great admiration for music education in England and I rely on some wonderful people for the organisation of the project."

The fact that Berio has five children of his own no doubt also helped to engage his interest. But he was also lured by the technical challenges. "It obliged me to think in simple terms of a complex idea, to reduce to a simple level what could have been developed in more complex ways. As the title says, everything happens twice and there is a lot of imitation going on. Models are given to the children to elaborate upon intuitively." Yet again, this work would seem to be art about art; other views, other layers.

But, as the procession to the hall would suggest, there are more connections to be made. "The piece dovetails with the concepts of the first piece in the concert, my completion of *Rendering*, Schubert's sketches for his Tenth Symphony. Musically the children get closer and closer to Schubert. Elements of the piece are taken from Schubert, so there's a musical bridge from the outside of the concert hall to where the Schubert is played."

Berio is categorically against musicologists' completions "in the style of". He sees *Rendering* as "a kind of restoration. I use my own material and ideas based on others of Schubert's works, but above all the piece is intended as a love-letter to Schubert."

One is tempted from this to presume that the week's other world premiere, *Notturno: Quartetto III* (to be unveiled by the Berg Quartet on May 12), has something to do with the works framing it: Haydn's "Sunrise" quartet, Op 76 No 4, and Schubert's "Death and the Maiden" quartet. Berio refuses to be drawn on any possible connections, saying only that he is honoured to be lumped with those composers. "The piece is made of fragments. They appear, they die again, or they reappear in a different shade, changed or unchanged."

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Fearfully close to the minimal

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ANYTHING, with the possible exception of John Cage's *Second Construction in Metal*, would sound good after Cage's *First Construction in Metal*. But that, surely, is not the reason why John Adams chose to conduct the *First Construction* before his own *Fearful Symmetries*. It was more to do with one West Coast American composer saluting another who, although not a great musician in the ordinary sense, was a great thinker and liberating influence. It was enough for Cage to deliver the humble brake drum from its everyday servility: he did not have to write interesting rhythms for it as well.

Adams is a good musician, a competent conductor, and a composer accomplished enough to have created a number of what will no doubt be acknowledged as classics of minimalism — including the opera *Nixon in China* and its orchestral offshoot *The Chairman Dances* — when (and it cannot be long now) its practitioners come to realise that the minimalist method of synthesising music has little left to offer but RSI. Adams himself says that he is "less patient" than he used to be with certain aspects of it.

It is scarcely easier, however, to retain patience with a piece like *Fearful Symmetries*, which modulates by semitones rather than thirds and which adds counterpoint to the repertoire of devices, as long as the composer continues to avoid the creative issue by the mathematically calculated repetition of rhythmic formulae over a given period of time. Introducing *Fearful Symmetries* to the audience in the Free Trade Hall, Adams quoted a British critic as saying that the work amounted to "25 minutes of pumping iron". "I think there is more than that in it," he added. He is right, of course: there must be at least two or three minutes more.

In *The Chairman Dances*, with which Adams began his concert with the Hallé Orchestra, the technique is itself an ironic comment on the event that stimulated the work. That aspect of it, together with its various stylistic allusions and the foxtrot melody so effectively drawn across the basic rhythmic material, makes it much the more successful piece, if only on an illustrative level. But after writing *Bolero* (which is recalled on the trombones near the end of *Fearful Symmetries*) Ravel was embarrassed enough by the success of it not to do it again.

The other work Adams chose to conduct was Gershwin's Piano Concerto in F, which must have the worst beginning and ending of any work of its kind in the regular repertoire, but which is anything but lacking in creativity and in seductive material. The orchestra, not least its principal trumpet, clearly enjoyed working with Adams in an idiom he too enjoys, and Paul Crossley was there to deliver a spruce if slightly prim but unfailingly brilliant performance of the solo part.

GERALD LARNER

A lot of noise about a little Mahler

Royal Concertgebouw/ Chailly
Barbican

YET another Great Orchestra of the World at the Barbican: and whereas, at the start of the weekend, the Leipzig Gewandhaus had impressed a sharply contoured and deeply memorable profile on their audience, Sunday's concert by the Netherlands' Royal Concertgebouw Orchestra under Riccardo Chailly will, I suspect, be remembered in rather more general terms for the sheer volume and audacity of their Mahler.

The Seventh Symphony is not the easiest work with which to display finer points of interpretative judgment and playing. It seems to heave a sigh of relief that the dark anxieties of the Sixth have passed, without yet finding the spiritual sustenance of the Eighth with which to feed and enoble its exuberance.



Chailly: focused on Mahler's extremes

Schoenberg thought highly of the work, though, and spoke of its classicism: there was less, he felt, of that "sensational intensity" and "extraneous excitement", and more "the impression of perfect repose based on perfect harmony".

He might have thought differently had he heard the Concertgebouw's performance. Chailly had clearly decided to place the focus on Mahler's extremes of orchestration.

The dull opening juddering was hit by strings competing with the brass for brilliance, and the central "night-music" movements created a cacophony of bird calls, military marches, danses macabres and thrumming serenades.

Not one of these quintessentially Mahlerian episodes, though, really felt as if it were being played within Mahler's nerve system. Granted, there was more than slight distraction in a persistent banging noise which sounded as if every one of the Barbican's projected statues of the muses were being hammered and chiselled into shape backstage.

But, noises off apart, how much more affecting would the sentimental second tune of the Adagio have been if its inflection had breathed from the heart of the strings rather than being, as it was, over-directed from the baton?

How much quieter and more precisely imagined could the woodwind dynamics have been in the first *Nachtmusik*; how much more tightly coiled the string figures?

Each section of the orchestra (one or two moments of slipped ensemble apart) played well enough. But the sound mysteries and the neurasthenic imagination which is there in all of Mahler's compositions, even in this awkward misfit of a symphony, need much closer listening from the score outwards.

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Benson and Hedges Cup drama

Northants left in quandary by Ambrose's absence

By Simon Wilde

THREE teams will be without their West Indian overseas player when the first competitive county matches of the new season are staged today in the Benson and Hedges Cup.

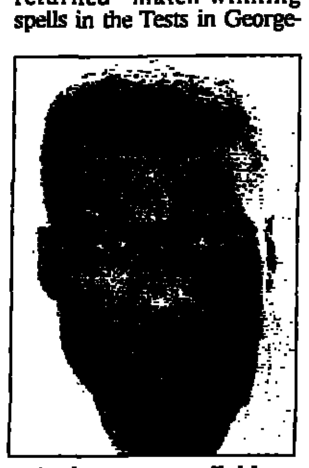
The most unexpected and dramatic absentee will be Curtly Ambrose, who left Steven Coverdale, the Northamptonshire chief executive, to make a futile mission to Gatwick airport to meet him off a flight from Antigua which the West Indian fast bowler had declined to board.

Allan Lamb, whose Northamptonshire side meets Middlesex at Lord's today, subsequently managed to contact Ambrose by telephone, but received little comforting news. Ambrose, who was named player of the series on Thursday for his part in West Indies' 3-1 Test victory over England, informed Lamb that he was in need of a rest and not ready to give his all for his county.

Northamptonshire promptly convened an emergency committee meeting yesterday afternoon to discuss what course of action they should take — a sure indication that Ambrose had told Lamb he was not thinking of taking only a short sabbatical — and it was clear that the club had not ruled out throwing themselves on the mercy of the Test and County Cricket Board's registrations committee in the hope of signing a replacement overseas player.

With each county permitted to register only one overseas player, and with Ambrose, 30, already confirmed as Northamptonshire's choice, the county is in a quandary. It would have to plead its case eloquently, because the registrations committee is not known for its leniency, as Derbyshire will testify after their failed attempts last year to sign cover for Ian Bishop, who played one match in May before withdrawing from the rest of the season through injury.

Ambrose's appetite for the game was known to be on the wane in January when he announced, before the series with England began, that he was exhausted. There was even talk of retirement, but that was forgotten when he returned match-winning spells in the Tests in George-



Ambrose: unavailable

town and Port of Spain. Tony Brown, the administration secretary of the TCCB, confirmed yesterday: "The particular regulation that applies to overseas cricketers says that the county will be entitled to change its one registered unqualified cricketer [ie not qualified for England] after the commencement of the season if, and only if, the cricketer is chosen to play for his country for the whole or part of an official tour to the British Isles. Obviously, that is not the case with Ambrose here and, therefore, Northamptonshire would have to ask the registrations committee to use its discretion. We may have to convene a special meeting but it would all take time."

Desmond Haynes, who sustained a split finger during the Bridgetown Test, has remained in the Caribbean for treatment and will be unavailable for Middlesex until the championship match with Yorkshire, starting on May 5.

Surrey will confirm just how long it takes to gain clearance for an overseas player. Cameron Cuffy, whom they have signed as a late replacement for Waqar Younis, has only just had his work permit approved and he is not leaving Antigua until the end of the week. Further registration paperwork may then prevent him playing until the Benson and Hedges Cup second round on May 10.

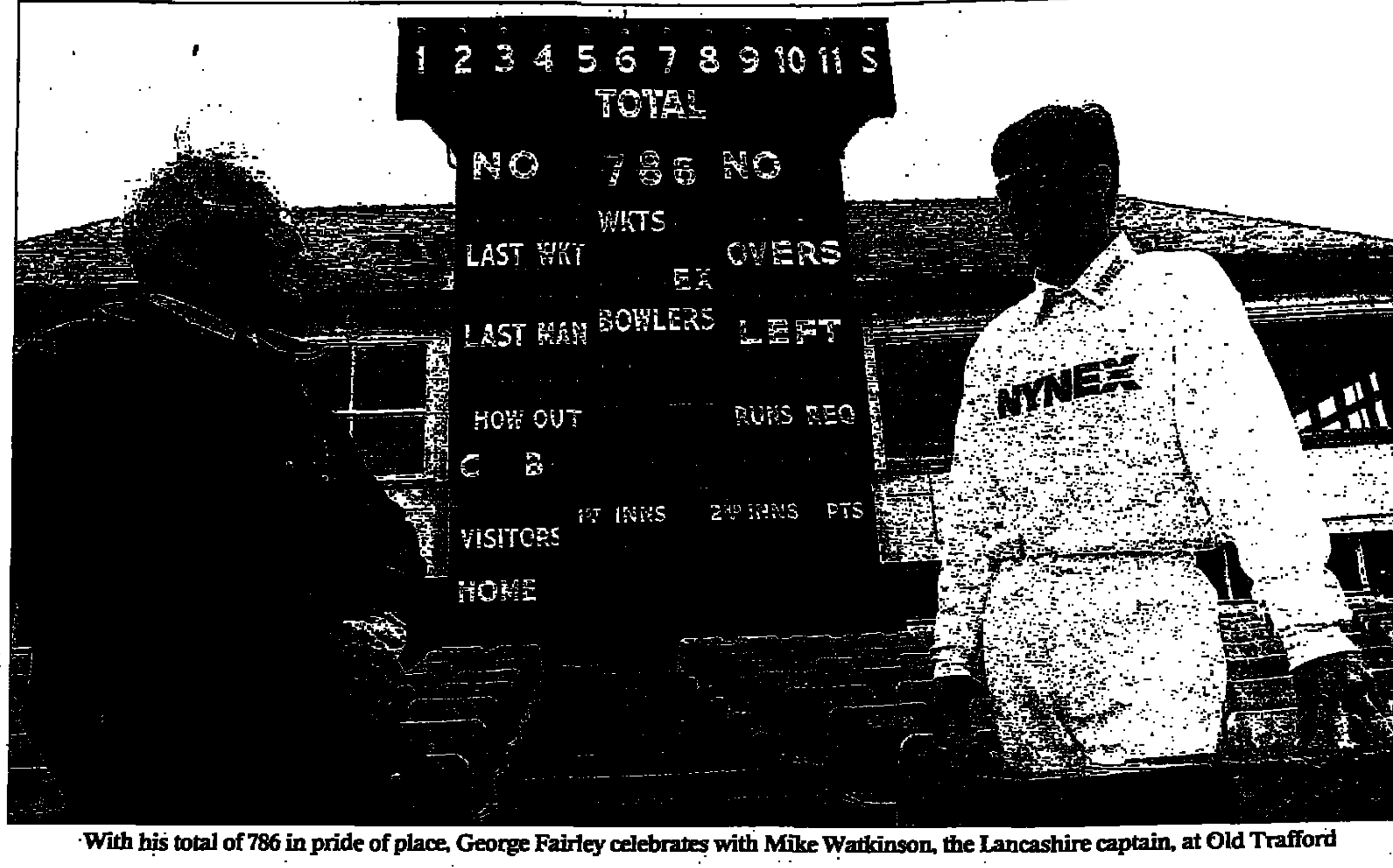
Whether he appears then will partly depend on Surrey getting past Somerset at The Oval today. Alec Stewart, the Surrey captain, will resume his usual limited-overs role of batsman-wicketkeeper, while Somerset plan to field two leg spinning all-rounders in Mushtaq Ahmed and Vince Clarke. Clarke, 22, who plays for the Bridgwater club, will be making his county debut.

Michael Atherton, the England captain, is resting after his exertions in the Caribbean and will miss Lancashire's match with the Combined Universities. Phil Simmons will make his Leicestershire debut at Grace Road, where Ireland make their debut in the competition.

Danny Morrison will miss the first two weeks of New Zealand's tour, which opens today, with a groin strain. Morrison, who saw a specialist in London yesterday, hopes to be fit for the first one-day international against England, at Edgbaston on May 19.

Smith's revival helps earn 1st XI prize

BARRY GREENWOOD



With his total of 786 in pride of place, George Fairley celebrates with Mike Watkinson, the Lancashire captain, at Old Trafford

By Simon Wilde

THE Times 1st XI cricket competition has been won by George Fairley, of Altrincham, Cheshire. His prize, supplied by Whittaker's World Sports Travel in association with Simply Tropix, is a trip for himself and three others to attend the Melbourne and Sydney Test matches between England and Australia next winter.

Mr Fairley, 74, who has been a member of Lancashire County Cricket Club for 25 years, achieved a score of 786 points in the game, in which competitors were asked to select 11 players from the England touring party in the Caribbean and estimate how they would perform in the international matches against West Indies. Points (one for a run, 20 for a wicket) were awarded against competitors according to the margin of error in their estimates; the lowest score won.

Mr Fairley, who submitted two entries, feels that Robin Smith's return to form in the last Test match was vital to his winning entry. Smith's innings of 175 in Antigua raised his aggregate to 455 runs, within 25 of Mr Fairley's prediction.

"To be honest, I expected England to lose the series," Mr Fairley said yesterday, "but I thought they would make a good showing, which in the end they did. I would never have thought that they would be dismissed for 46 or that Atherton and Smith would share a stand of 303. And thank goodness I was not asked to say how many runs Brian Lara would score."

Mr Fairley's son, John, will be among those who accompany him on his trip. They will depart on December 22 for Melbourne, where they will stay in a leading hotel over the Christmas period and receive match tickets to all five days of the second Test match at the Melbourne Cricket Ground. The match starts on Christmas Eve.

Afterwards, they will be flown to Sydney for New Year and the third Test match, which begins on New Year's Day. During their stay there, accommodation and match tickets will again be provided.

The prize will also include Mr Fairley and his party being guests of the Australian Cricket Board for a day, when they will meet some of the players, and a bat autographed by both teams.

Mr Fairley, who is now playing *The Times* First Class XI game — in which contestants choose an imaginary team of real players whose real scores will count towards the team total — beat more than 10,000 other competitors and several experts to win the 1st XI competition.

1, George Fairley, Altrincham, Cheshire, 786pts; 2, Rory Gray, Langford, Biggleswade, Beds, 1,007; 3, John Berger, Harrogate, N Yorkshire, 1,061; 4, Stephen Pink, London, N3, 1,085; 5, K J Elliot, Kingsley Holt, Stoke-on-Trent, 1,106; 6, Andrew Denson, Ruddington, Notts, 1,133; 7, Peter Hartland, Crowborough, E Sussex, 1,159; 8, Neil Carne, Upminster, Essex, 1,167; 9, Michael Evans, Hull, 1,168; 10, Graham Wills, London, W9, 1,212; 11, R Hills, East Grinstead, W Sussex, 1,214; 12, Ian Wagstaff, Thurcaston, Leicester, 1,217;

13, Ivor Nelson, Rockland St Mary, Norwich, 1,222; 14, Ian Bennett, South Croydon, 1,223; 15, Mark Thomas, Horsham, 1,237; 16, Robert Dickson, London, SW13, 1,244; 17, P Russell, Datchet, Slough, 1,246; 18, David Mariot, Cambridge, 1,247; 19, J Reeve, Frome, Somerset, 1,252; 20, Adrian Pindock, London, NW6, 1,260; 21, J C Mills, London, SE19, 1,266; 22, Tom Withyman, London, SW10, 1,271; 23, Philip Hogan, Burgess Hill, 1,281; 24, Christopher Ingram, London, SW6, 1,282; 25, Richard Dare, London, SW19, 1,284; 26, S J Gardner, London, W5, 1,288; 27, N R D Webb, Marlborough, 1,298; 28, John Birnley, London, NW7, 1,301;

29, John Shacknell, Poole, Dorset, 1,316; 30, Patricia Sullivan, Bournemouth, 1,324; 31, Peter Cowtan, Bath, 1,333; 32, L J McNeill, London, SW11, 1,338; 33, Stuart Darwinkle, Windsor, 1,341; 34, W G Everard, Hatford Farringdon, Oxon, 1,355; equal 35, Tom Harvey, Broadstone, Dorset and Bernard Jacobs, Surbiton, 1,365; 37, A Short, Croydon, 1,373; 38, Graham Warne, Brighton, 1,380; equal 39, Mr Sagar, Newton Abbot, Devon and no name given, 1,385; 41, R Boniface, Brighton, 1,386; 42, Dave Moseley, Solihull, W Midlands, 1,389; equal 43, Keith McLagan, Epsom, and D Archer, Farnham Common, Slough, 1,392;

45, Peter Lucas, London, E11, 1,393; 46, Wade Miller-Knight, London, NW9, 1,409; 47, Graham Reed, Chesham, Bucks, 1,412; equal 48, Nigel Hathaway, London, NW3, with two entries, 1,413; 50, David Coombes, Huddersfield, 1,424.

AUSTRALIAN RULES

AUSTRALIAN LEAGUE (AFL): Richmond 15.22 (112) bt St Kilda 10.10 (70).

BADMINTON

ROYAL BANK OF SCOTLAND INTER-COUNTY CHAMPIONSHIP: First division final: Surrey 8 Yorkshire 7. Second division final: Warwickshire 9 Buckinghamshire 8. Third division play-offs: Gloucestershire 8 Staffordshire 7; Surrey II 8 Glasgow North Strathclyde 7.

BOWLS

SUN LIFE WESSEX LEAGUE CHAMPIONSHIP: Final: Dorchester bt British Cellophane 76-66.

SEVENOAKS: Sun Life Home Counties championships: Singles: Final: P Vamvacopoulos (Surrey) 21 C Brown (Sussex) 18. Fours: Final: Berkshire 22 Buckinghamshire 15.

CRICKET

RAPID CRICKETLINE SECOND XI CHAMPIONSHIP: Old Trafford: Warwickshire 111-2 (J D Ratcliffe 51 not out) v Lancashire.

SCHOOLS MATCHES: Ardingly 88, *Hurstpierpoint 94-2; Blundell's 191-5 v *Sidmouth — rain; Bury GS 74, *King's, Macclesfield, 77-3; Chigwell 168-7, *Perse 169-6; Christ's, Brecon, 173-8, *Senior Commoners, Aberystwyth 118-4; Clifton 76, *Sherborne 80-2; *Dean Close 98, Cheltenham 99-5; *Eastbourne 193, Christ's Hospital 85; Exeter Univ 201-8, *Millfield 168-0 (P Mitchell 94 not out) — rain; John Lyon 161-7, *Hampton 105-2; *King's, Gloucester 89, Colston's 90-0; King's, Taunton 232-4, *Queen's, Taunton 92-4 — rain; *Merchant Taylors', Northwood 213-3 (Grundy 109 not out), Latymer Upper 59; Old Elthamians 134-8, Eltham 138-1; *Sevenoaks 123, Caterham 87-7; *Tiffin 123, Emanuel 124-7, Trinity, Croydon 285-6 (S De Silva 112), *King's, Rochester 77, Uppingham 104 (N Bashford 7-39), *Bishop's Stortford 105-0; *Warwick 144-5, Bromsgrove 87-4; Wells Cathedral 104 (A Fulker 6-38), *Wellington, Somerset 110-1; Wimbledon 168-5, *KCS Wimbledon 169-7.

* denotes home team

EQUESTRIANISM

LAND ROVER FEI WORLD THREE-DAY EVENT RANKINGS: equal 1, K Gallagher (Aus), J Teulère (Fr) 61; 3, R Lemieux (Can) 57; 4, D O'Connor (US) 54; 5, M-C Duroy (Fr) 51; 6, D Green (Aus) 48pts

FOOTBALL

NEVILLE OVENDEN COMBINATION: First division: Brighton 0 Crystal Palace 2; Millwall 0 Chelsea 2; Wimbledon 2 Luton 0.

ARGENTINIAN LEAGUE: Racing 0 Rosario 0; Gimnasia y Tiro 0 Huracan 1; Newells Old Boys 0 Independiente 0; Deportivo Espanol 0 Boca juniors 0; Estudiantes 1 Deportivo Mandiyu 0; Lanus 2 Argentinos Juniors 3; San Lorenzo 1 Platense 2; Ferrocarril Oeste 0 Banfield 0; Belgrano 0 Gimnasia y Esgrima 0; River Plate 4 Velez 0. Leading positions (after five matches): 1, Platense 7pts; 2, Estudiantes 7; 3, Español 7.

BRAZILIAN LEAGUES: São Paulo: Novorizontino 1 Palmeiras 1; Guarani 1 Rio Branco 0; Corinthians 3 Santos 4; Santo André 1 Ferroviaria 1; Mogi Mirim 2 União São João 0; Bragantino 1 Ponte Preta 2; Ituano 2 Portuguesa 1; America 0 São Paulo 4. Leading positions: 1, Palmeiras played 25, 37; 2, São Paulo 23, 34; 3, Corinthians 24, 32.

Late results on Sunday

DUTCH LEAGUE: Heerenveen 1 Willem II Tilburg 2; Venlo 2 Roda JC Kerkrade 2; Breda 2 Vitesse Arnhem 2; RKC Waalwijk 3 Cambuur Leeuwarden 0; Twente Enschede 1 Utrecht 0; Volendam 2 Sparta Rotterdam 1; Go Ahead Eagles Deventer 0 Ajax 3; Groningen 3 Maastricht 2.

SPANISH LEAGUE: Real Madrid 0 Real Sociedad 2; Tenerife 2 Real Oviedo 2.

BASEBALL

NATIONAL LEAGUE: Atlanta 3 Pittsburgh 0; Cincinnati 5 Florida 2; St Louis 5 Houston 4; *Chicago 12 Colorado 4; San Diego 6 Philadelphia 5*; San Francisco 4 New York 2; Los Angeles 7 Montreal 1

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East division				
Atlanta	14	5	.737	—
New York	9	9	.500	4½
Montreal	9	10	.474	5
Florida	8	10	.444	5½
Philadelphia	8	11	.421	6
Central division				
Cincinnati	11	5	.688	—
St Louis	11	6	.647	½
Houston	9	8	.529	2½
Pittsburgh	8	8	.500	3
Chicago	5	11	.313	6
West division				
San Francisco	11	8	.579	—
Colorado	8	9	.471	2
Los Angeles	8	11	.421	3
San Diego	6	14	.300	5½

AMERICAN LEAGUE: Boston 5 California 4; Minnesota 7 Toronto 3; Seattle 7 Baltimore 6, New York 6 Oakland 2; Milwaukee 7 Kansas City 0; Detroit 7 Chicago 6; Cleveland 12 Texas 7.

	W	L	Pct	GB
East division				
Boston	13	5	.722	—
Toronto	12	6	.667	1
New York	11	6	.647	1½
Baltimore	10	7	.588	2½
Detroit	6	12	.333	7
Central division				
Chicago	11	7	.611	—
Cleveland	10	6	.625	—
Milwaukee	10	7	.588	½
Kansas City	7	9	.438	3
Minnesota	6	13	.316	5½
West division				
California	8	11	.421	—
Oakland	7	11	.389	½
Seattle	6	11	.353	1
Texas	5	11	.313	1½

BASKETBALL

NATIONAL ASSOCIATION (NBA): Philadelphia 110 Detroit 102; Washington 117 Charlotte 99; New York 92 Chicago 76; Cleveland 117 Boston 91; Denver 115 Houston 107; Utah 103 Los Angeles Lakers 97; Seattle 110 Portland 108; San Antonio 112 Los Angeles Clippers 97; Orlando 120 New Jersey 91; Dallas 118 Minnesota 102; Sacramento 105 Golden State 97.

FINAL TABLES

EASTERN CONFERENCE

	W	L	Pct	GB
Atlantic division				
New York	57	25	.695	—
Orlando	50	32	.610	7
New Jersey	45	37	.549	12
Miami	42	40	.512	15
Boston	32	50	.390	25
Philadelphia	25	57	.305	32
Washington	24	58	.293	33
Central division				
Atlanta	57	25	.695	—
Chicago	55	27	.671	2
Indiana	47	35	.573	10
Cleveland	47	35	.573	10
Charlotte	41	41	.500	16
Detroit	20	62	.244	37
Milwaukee	20	62	.244	37

WESTERN CONFERENCE

	W	L	Pct	GB
Midwest division				
Houston	58	24	.707	—
San Antonio	55	27	.671	3
Utah	53	29	.646	5
Denver	42	40	.512	16
Minnesota	20	62	.244	38
Dallas	13	69	.159	45
Pacific division				
Seattle	63	19	.768	—
Phoenix	56	26	.683	7
Golden State	50	32	.610	13
Portland	47	35	.573	16
LA Lakers	33	49	.402	30
Sacramento	28	54	.341	35
LA Clippers	27	55	.329	36

GOLF

GREENSBORO, North Carolina: Greater Greensboro Open: Final scores (US unless stated): 275: M Springer 64, 69, 70, 72. 278: H Irwin 65, 73, 71, 69; B Bryant 68, 71, 68, 71; E Humenik 72, 65, 73, 68. 279: B Lohr 69, 71, 69, 70. 280: J Morse 72, 69, 67, 73; D Hammond 70, 71, 69, 70. 281: D Hart 75, 69, 67, 70; M Smith 69, 73, 69, 70; J Edwards 69, 69, 73, 70; D Edwards 71, 74, 68, 68. 282: G Morgan 68, 71, 69, 74. 283: J Haas 69, 73, 71, 70; H Twitty 72, 69, 71, 71. British score: 290: D Feherty 70, 74, 71, 75.

HOCKEY

WOMEN'S COUNTY CHAMPIONSHIP: Midlands: Warwickshire 8 Derbyshire 0, Leicestershire 1 Worcestershire 0; Nottinghamshire 0 Shropshire 1; Staffordshire 3 Northamptonshire 0; Warwickshire 9 Leicestershire 0; Worcestershire 1 Derbyshire 2; Staffordshire 4 Nottinghamshire 0; Northamptonshire 3 Shropshire 1. Final placings: 1, Staffordshire 18pts; 2, Warwickshire 15; 3, Northamptonshire 10. North: Northumberland 1 Durham 0; Durham 2 Cumbria 1; Northumberland 0 Cumbria 2. Final placings: 1, Yorkshire 24pts; 2, Cheshire 17, 3, Lancashire 17.

ICE HOCKEY

WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS (Italy): Pool A: Canada 4 Italy 1. Group B: Sweden 3 Norway 3; Finland 4 Czech Republic 4.

NATIONAL LEAGUE (NHL): Play-offs: First round: Eastern Conference: NY Rangers 5 NY Islanders 2 (Rangers win best-of-seven series 4-0). Western Conference: Dallas 2 St Louis 1 (Stars win 4-0); Calgary 3 Vancouver 2 (Flames lead 3-1); Chicago 4 Toronto 3 (OT) (series level 2-2).

RUGBY LEAGUE

WINFIELD CUP: Canterbury-Bankstown 22 Western Suburbs 16.

CYCLING

TOUR OF SPAIN: First stage (time-trial, Valladolid, 9km): 1, T Rominger (Switz) 10min 35sec; 2, A Zulle (Switz) at 20sec; 3, M Mauri (Sp) 24; 4, G Pierobon (It) 27; 5, M Alonso (Sp) 33; 6, A Olano (Sp) 34.

SHOOTING

PORT OF SPAIN: Trinidad rifle meeting: Teams of eight (300, 500 and 600 yards): 1, London and Middlesex RA 1,124; 2, Trinidad 1,079; 3, Goodwill Team 1,059.

RUGBY UNION

SUPER 10 TOURNAMENT: North Harbour 23 Otago 19.

SPEEDWAY

PHONESPORT KNOCK-OUT CUP: First round, first leg: Newcastle 46 Edinburgh 50. First round, second leg: Glasgow 56 Oxford 40 (agg:113-79).

TENNIS

TAIWAN: ATP Challenger event: First round: M Petchey (GB) bt Su Wei Yu (Taiwan) 6-4, 6-1.

MUNICH: Men's tournament: First round: H Dreekmann (Ger) bt S Dosedel (Cz) 4-6, 7-5, 6-2; H Holm (Swe) bt J Svensson (Swe) 6-7, 7-5, 6-2; C Pioline (Fr) bt M Damm (Cz) 3-6, 7-5, 6-2; A Chesnokov (Russ) bt N Utgren (Swe) 6-4, 6-1; A Mansdorf (Isr) bt A Boetsch (Fr) 6-2, 6-2; B Karbacher (Ger) bt C-U Steeb (Ger) 4-6, 7-6, 6-4.

MADRID: Men's tournament: First round: T Carbonell (Sp) bt S Pescosolido (It) 6-4, 6-4; A Corretja (Sp) bt A Berasategui (Sp) 6-3, 6-7, 6-3; G Schaller (Austria) bt R Furlan (It) 6-0, 7-5; J Hlasek (Switz) bt G Ivanisevic (Cro) 7-6, 7-6; J Arrese (Sp) bt H de la Pena (Arg) 6-2, 3-6, 6-3; C Costa (Sp) bt T Champion (Fr) 6-3, 6-2.

HAMBURG: Women's tournament: First round: B Rittner (Ger) bt E Brioukhovets (Ukr) 6-1, 4-6, 6-3; M Babel (Ger) bt S Meier (Ger) 6-4, 6-1; L Ferrando (It) bt H Rusch (Ger) 6-3, 6-0; J Novotna (Cz) bt E Likhovtseva (Kaz) 6-3, 6-3; E Makarova (Russ) bt A Grossman (US) 6-7, 7-6, 6-2.

TRIATHLON

ST PETERSBURG, Florida: Professional tour: Second round: Men: 1, A MacMartin (Can) 148.12; 2, N Llerandi (US) 148.49; 3, K Glah (US) 149.39. British placing: 10, S Smith 153.40. Women: 1, M Jones (Aus) 200.02; 2, K Smyers (US) 201.14; 3, J Nievergelt (US) 205.55.

TODAY'S FIXTURES

CRICKET

Benson and Hedges Cup

First round

11.0, 55 overs

THE PARKS: Combined Universities v Lancashire

LEICESTER: Leicestershire v Ireland

LORD'S: Middlesex v Northamptonshire

TRENT BRIDGE: Nottinghamshire v Minor Counties

THE OVAL: Surrey v Somerset

HOVE: Sussex v Scotland

TOUR MATCH (one day): Hitchin v New Zealanders

RAPID CRICKETLINE SECOND XI CHAMPIONSHIP: Derby: Derbyshire v Nottinghamshire. Canterbury: Kent v Durham. Old Trafford: Lancashire v Warwickshire. Taunton: Somerset v Surrey. Worcester: Worcestershire v Gloucestershire

FOOTBALL

Kick-off 7.30 unless stated

Uefa Cup final, first leg

Casino Salzburg v Internazionale (Vienna, 7.15)

FA Carling Premiership

Wimbledon v Oldham (8.0)

Endsleigh Insurance League

First division

Luton v Millwall (7.45)

Middlesbrough v Barnsley (7.45)

Portsmouth v Leicester (7.45)

Sunderland v Oxford Utd (7.45)

Tranmere v Charlton

Second division

Barnet v Hartlepool (7.45)

Bradford v Stockport

Burnley v Rotherham

Cambridge Utd v Huddersfield (7.45)

Cardiff v Exeter

Swansea v Port Vale

Wrexham v Plymouth

GM Vauxhall Conference

Altrincham v Welling

Bath v Dover

Dagenham and Red v Stafford

Halifax v Macclesfield

Runcorn v Bromsgrove (at Witton, 7.45)

Yeovil v Merthyr Tydfil (7.45)

Scottish League

Premier division

Dundee Utd v Kilmarnock

Motherwell v Rangers

Partick v Dundee (8.0)

First division

Airdrie v Clydebank

Brechin v Clyde

Dumbarton v Morton

Dunfermline v Ayr

St Mirren v Falkirk

FA TROPHY: Semi-final replay: Enfield v Woking (at Wycombe Wanderers FC, 7.45)

DIADORA LEAGUE: Premier division: Bromley v Wokingham, Wivenhoe v Hendon. First division: Bognor Regis v Heybridge, Tooting v Leyton, Wembley v Boreham Wood, Whyteleafe v Berkhamsted, Windsor v Staines. Second division: Aldershot Town v Hemel Hempstead; Banstead v Newbury, Malden Vale v Witham; Metropolitan Police v Saffron Walden, Tilbury v Aveley. Third division: Clapton v Bracknell; Cove v Cheshunt; Southall v Camberley, Tring v Leighton.

BEAZER HOMES LEAGUE: Premier division: Crawley v Chelmsford, Dorchester v Cambridge (7.45); Halesowen v Waterlooville (7.45). Midland division: Bedworth v Sutton Coldfield, Clevedon v Bilston, King's Lynn v Yate, Tamworth v Stourbridge; Weston-super-Mare v Redditch. Southern division: Ashford v Fisher 93, Bury Town v Tonbridge, Newport IOW v Gravesend.

NORTHERN PREMIER LEAGUE: Premier division: Bridlington v Horwich, Colwyn Bay v Knowsley; Matlock v Bishop Auckland. First division: Gretna v Warrington; Harrogate v Alfreton, Radcliffe v Guiseley; Workington v Spennymoor

NORTHERN COUNTIES EAST LEAGUE: Premier division: Belper v Armthorpe; Ossett Albion v Maltby. Cup: Hucknall v North Ferriby: Lincoln Utd v Thackley.

JEWSON LEAGUE: Premier division: Horwich and Parkeston v Haverhill; March v Great Yarmouth; Newmarket v Chatteris; Watton v Fakenham, Wroxham v Diss.

GREAT MILLS LEAGUE: Premier division: Manor Farm v Frome; Paulton v Tiverton.

KONICA LEAGUE OF WALES: Caersws v Flint, Holywell v Newtown, Mold v Conwy

NEVILLE OVENDEN COMBINATION (2.0): First division: Arsenal v Bristol City; Crystal Palace v Charlton; Tottenham v Southampton.

RUGBY UNION

Heineken League

Second division

Maesteg v South Wales Police (7.15)

REPRESENTATIVE MATCH: British Police v Combined Services (at Imber Court, 3.0).

CLUB MATCHES: Cheltenham v Moseley (7.30). Crumlin v Abertillery (7.0).

OTHER SPORT

BOXING: British super-bantamweight championship: Bradley Stone v Richie Wenton (York Hall, Bethnal Green)

GOLF: Scotland v Spain (Carnoustie).

ICE HOCKEY: World championships: Great Britain v Russia (Bolzano, Italy). British Championship play-offs: Group B: Fife v Sheffield, Murrayfield v Humberside.

RUGBY LEAGUE: National Conference League: Premier division: Wigan St Patricks v Saddleworth (6.15). Woolston v Leigh MW (6.15)

SNOOKER: Embassy world championship (Crucible Theatre, Sheffield).

TENNIS: LTA spring satellite tournament (Ottershaw).

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POOLS FORECAST

Saturday April 30 unless stated

FA PREMIERSHIP

1 Leeds v Everton
1 Liverpool v Norwich
1 Man City v Chelsea
2 Oldham v Sheff Wed
2 Sheff Utd v Newcastle
X South'pton v A Villa
1 Wimbledon v Tottenham

Not on coupons: Arsenal v West Ham; Coventry v Blackburn (Monday); Ipswich v Manchester United (Sunday); Queens Park Rangers v Swindon

FIRST DIVISION

2 Barnsley v Wolves
1 Bolton v Birmingham
1 Derby v Oxford
X Luton v Southend
2 Sunderland v Tranmere
X Watford v Portsmouth
1 West Brom v Grimsby

Not on coupons: Leicester v Stoke; Middlesbrough v Crystal Palace (Sunday); Millwall v Bristol City; Notts County v Charlton; Peterborough v Nottingham Forest

SECOND DIVISION

2 Barnet v York
X Bristol R v Stockport
1 Burnley v Brentford
1 Cardiff v Cambridge
2 Fulham v Rotherham
1 Hudd'field v Blackpool
1 Hull v Bourn'm'th
2 Leyton O v Swansea
1 Plymouth v Bradford
1 Port Vale v Exeter
1 Reading v Brighton
1 Wrexham v Hartlepool

THIRD DIVISION

X Bury v Rochdale
X Colchester v Doncaster
1 Crewe v Wycombe
2 Hereford v Torquay
X Lincoln v Walsall
1 Mansfield v Darlington
2 North'pton v Chester
1 Preston v Carlisle
X Scarboro v Chest'f'ld
1 Scunthorpe v Shrewsbury
2 Wigan v Gillingham

DIADORA LEAGUE PREMIER DIVISION

1 Enfield v Dulwich
X Harrow v Marlow
1 Hitchin v Yeading
X Kingstonian v Sutton

SCOTTISH PREMIER

1 Aberdeen v Dundee
1 Dundee U v St Johnstone
2 Hibernian v Hearts
1 Motherwell v Kilmarnock
1 Partick v Raith
1 Rangers v Celtic

SCOTTISH FIRST

X Ayr v Clyde
1 Clydebank v Dumbarton
1 Dunf'mline v Brechin
2 Hamilton v Airdrie
2 Morton v St Mirren
X Stirling v Falkirk

SCOTTISH SECOND

2 Albion v Alloa
1 Berwick v Stenh'muir
1 Cowdenb'th v Queen's P
1 East Fife v Arbroath
X Forfar v Stranraer

Not on coupons: Montrose v Meadowbank; Queen of the South v East Stirling

TREBLE CHANCE (home teams) Southampton, Luton, Watford, Bury, Colchester, Lincoln, Scarborough, Harrow, Kingstonian, Ayr, Stirling, Forfar. Wimbledon, Derby, Burnley, Huddersfield, Port Vale, Crewe, Enfield, Hitchin, Aberdeen, Berwick.

BEST DRAWS: Southampton, Watford, Bury, Harrow, Kingstonian.

AWAYS: Newcastle, Wolves, York, Rotherham, Torquay.

HOMES: Liverpool, Manchester City.

FIXED ODDS: Homes: Liverpool, Manchester City, Derby, Huddersfield, Enfield. Aways: Wolves, Rotherham, Torquay. Draws: Southampton, Harrow, Kingstonian.

☐ Vince Wright

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HECKELPHONE

(b) A baritone oboe, an eponym from Wilhelm Heckel (1856-1909), an instrument-maker of Biberich, after *saxophone*: "Some very fully scored modern symphonic and operatic works employ quadruple woodwind, such exotics as the bass flute and heckelphone sometimes being added to the flute and oboe group respectively."

KORFBALL

***(a) A game of Dutch origin, resembling basketball, from the Dutch korf* a basket + *bal* a ball: "There is only one mixed team sport in the world: korfball, and the first of its summarised rules is that you can only hinder someone of the same sex."**

MOOMBA

(c) An annual carnival or pre-Lent festival held in Melbourne, the Aboriginal word; *The Times*, 1963: "A procession of floats to mark the beginning of Melbourne's curious Moomba festival." "Melbourne followed in 1954 with a fortnight of carnival that was termed Moomba."

ARAPONGA

(b) The campanero or bell-bird of South America, a French adaptation of the Portuguese: "Above all these strange voices, the metallic tones of the araponga sound from the tops of the highest trees, resembling the strokes of the hammer on the anvil, and fill the wanderer with astonishment."

SOLUTION TO WINNING CHESS MOVE

1 Rxe7+! Kxe7 2 Qc5+ forks the black king and rook. White emerges a piece ahead.

THUNDERER

2.20 Gorteera. 2.50 All Greek To Me. 3.20 Gnome's Tycoon. 3.50 Forest Feather. 4.20 Tartan Tradewinds. 4.50 Celtic Breeze.

GOING: GOOD SIS

2.20 CASTLEFORD NOVICES HURDLE
(£2,338: 2m) (25 runners)

1 3312 GORTEERA 13 (CD,BF,G) O Brennan 8-12-0 M Brennan
2 -313 AUBURN BOY 116 (CD,BF,G) M W Easterby 7-11-7 M Dwyer
3 -016 OTTER BUSH 34 (F) Mrs S Smith 5-11-7 D Towler (7)
4 5U13 VANART 48 (D,G) W Haigh 5-11-7 D Byrne
5 1354 GENSERIC 21 (D,G) T Tate 4-11-1 W Fry (7)
6 1200 WANZA 21 (D,F) M Hammond 4-11-1 N Williamson
7 -666 BELIEVE IT 171 N Waggott 5-11-0 J Supple (5)
8 P- CHARLIE MCCARTHY 426 J Mulhall 6-11-0 Mr C Mulhall
9 4-2 DOCTOR FOSTER 230 Mrs S Smith 6-11-0 Richard Guest
10 00P3 GOING PUBLIC 21 P Cheesbrough 7-11-0 K Johnson
11 P GULER-A 21 G Brennan 6-11-0 A S Smith
12 HALF A BILLION 1033F E Caine 6-11-0 Mr S Walker (7)
13 04F5 HIGH MIND 6 Miss L Siddall 5-11-0 A Maguire
14 -052 HOLD YOUR HAT ON 21 (G) C Thornton 5-11-0 D Wilkinson
15 0503 INGLETONIAN 38 B Wilkinson 5-11-0 L Wyer
16 F036 INNOCENT GEORGE 6 Miss L Siddall 5-11-0 A Dobbin
17 -234 RHOSSILI BAY 12 (BF) Mrs M Reveley 6-11-0 P Niven
18 F4P0 SILVER HAZE 15 (F,S) J Wade 10-11-0 K Jones
19 F-04 SPIDERS DELIGHT 165 T Cuthbert 6-11-0 A Merrigan
20 00 SPY DESSA 52 T Carr 6-11-0 R Hodge
21 0P STONEGREY 21 M W Easterby 6-11-0 J Driscoll (7)
22 P ZAFARRANCHO 120 Jimmy Fitzgerald 5-11-0 F Leahy (7)
23 04U0 GAY'S GAMBIT 35 M W Easterby 5-10-9 R Garritty
24 00-P LENTHALL FOX 18 (S) J Needham 8-10-9 T Wall
25 3324 WEAVER GEORGE 10 J Hellens 4-10-8 R Dunwoody

5-1 Gorteera, 6-1 Auburn Boy, Rhossili Bay, 8-1 Genseric, 10-1 Hold Your Hat On, Weaver George, 14-1 Doctor Foster, Going Public, Vanart, 16-1 others.

2.50 BICKERTON HANDICAP HURDLE
(£3,014: 2m 4f 110yd) (15)

1 1106 GREY POWER 21 (CD,F,S) Mrs M Reveley 7-11-11 P Niven
2 0/12 BOTTLES 52 (F,S) J Banks 7-11-9 R Dunwoody
3 0313 CHIEF RAIDER 11 (CD,BF,G,S) J Wade 6-11-6 A Maguire
4 2026 ABLE PLAYER 22 (B,C,D,F,G,S) Mrs S Bramall 7-11-4 J Burke (5)
5 3111 ALL GREEK TO ME 15 (G,S) J Parkes 6-10-7 F Leahy (7)
6 1-PP GRIS ET VIOLET 33 (C,D,F,G,S) Jimmy Fitzgerald 7-10-6 M Dwyer
7 61U5 MASTER BOSTON 11 (D,G,S) R Woodhouse 6-10-5 R Garritty
8 1242 COUTURE STOCKINGS 10 (C,D,F,G,S) J Mackie 10-10-4 N Williamson
9 2F10 ONLY A ROSE 69 (D,BF,G,S) C Thornton 5-10-1 D Wilkinson
10 0414 MARSH'S LAW 33 (BF,G,S) G Brennan 7-10-1 M Brennan
11 2500 RICHARDSON 74 (F) Jimmy Fitzgerald 7-10-0 L Wyer
12 210P WAKE UP 3 (F,G,S) R O'Leary 7-10-0 Richard Guest
13 00P3 DOOLAR 14 (C,D,F,G,S) P Dalton 7-10-0 N Mann
14 442-0 BUD'S BET 45 (F) W Haigh 6-10-0 F Perratt (5)
15 2514 IN TRUTH 22 (D,G,S) M Hammond 6-10-0 A Dobbin

3-1 Chief Raider, 7-1 Grey Power, 8-1 Able Player, All Greek To Me, Bottles, 10-1 Marsh's Law, 12-1 Couture Stockings, Only A Rose, 16-1 others.

3.20 APPLETON ROEBUCK HANDICAP CHASE
(£3,485: 2m 4f 110yd) (9)

1 13FP GNOME'S TYCOON 14 (D,F,G,S) R Phillips 8-12-0 J Railton
2 2330 CROSS CANNON 11 (F,S) J Hellens 8-10-12 B Storey
3 11F3 ANDERMATT 8 (D,S) J Mackie 7-10-12 N Williamson
4 -PF1 STRONG SOUND 21 (CD,G,S) P Cheesbrough 7-10-5 K Johnson
5 42P0 HIRAM B BIRDBATH 34 (B,D,F,G) J Glover 8-10-4 D Fort (5)
6 2222 CENTENARY STAR 11 (D,F,G,S) Mrs M Reveley 9-10-2 P Niven
7 4603 PIMS GUNNER 22 (D,F,G) M Hammond 6-10-0 A Dobbin
8 0032 HOUGHTON 3 (B,D,F,G,S) M W Easterby 8-10-0 L Wyer
9 6F5- GONER HOUSE 330 (D,F,G) J Mulhall 9-10-0 Mr C Mulhall

5-2 Centenary Star, 3-1 Strong Sound, 4-1 Andermatt, 5-1 Gnome's Tycoon, 8-1 Houghton, Pims Gunner, 10-1 Cross Cannon, 20-1 Hiram B Birdbath, 50-1 Goner House.

3.50 BRADFORD NOVICES HURDLE
(£2,250: 2m 4f 110yd) (16)

1 -641 CAPENWRAY 36 (D,G) R Fisher 5-11-7 P Niven
2 5P12 FOREST FEATHER 10 (G) C Weedon 6-11-7 Peter Hobbs
3 0561 IFALLELSEFAILS 6 (D,F) L Lungo 6-11-7 T Reed
4 3563 VASILIEV 21 (B,S) M Hammond 6-11-7 N Williamson
5 0/P ARTHUR BEE 95 B Bousfield 7-11-0 Richard Guest
6 0224 BANCHORY 22 M W Easterby 6-11-0 R Garritty
7 BENSBROOK 8 Mactaggart 5-11-0 B Storey
8 22PP CRANK SHAFT 38 J Bottomley 7-11-0 D Byrne
9 060 DYNAMITE DAN 91 M H Easterby 6-11-0 L Wyer
10 6605 HICKSONS CHOICE 22 J Wade 6-11-0 K Jones
11 5000 I IS 120 J Norton 7-11-0 W Fry (7)
12 2-2 KENILWORTH 192 Jimmy Fitzgerald 6-11-0 G Tormey (7)
13 5050 STRONG MEASURE 15 P Cheesbrough 6-11-0 K Johnson
14 0000 TICO BOLD 36 P Cheesbrough 6-11-0 A Dobbin
15 0300 MISCHIEVOUS GIRL 21 R Tate 6-10-9 Mrs F Needham
16 05 TERRINGTON 22 M W Easterby 4-10-8 J Driscoll (7)

3-1 Capenwray, 9-2 Forest Feather, 5-1 Ifallelsefails, Kenilworth, 6-1 Vasiliev, 12-1 Banchory, 16-1 Crank Shaft, Strong Measure, 20-1 others.

4.20 BRAMHAM NOVICE HANDICAP CHASE
(£2,949: 3m 110yd) (15)

1 2211 SILVER STICK 22 (C,F,G,S) M W Easterby 7-12-0 R Garritty
2 1324 TARTAN TRADEWINDS 10 (G) G Richards 7-11-6 N Doughty
3 0246 CONCERT PAPER 10 (V,C,G,S) R O'Leary 10-11-4 K Davies (7)
4 06-2P HIGHLAND RALLY 10 M Avison 7-11-0 J Callaghan
5 310P LASTOFTHEVIKINGS 14 (S) J Needham 9-10-9 D Gallagher
6 0322 LOBRIC 35 (B,F,G) J Jenkins 9-10-9 J Railton
7 311B NAWRIK 3 (D,S) L Lungo 5-10-8 T Reed
8 444 BULA NUDAY 15 K Oliver 9-10-5 B Storey
9 640U EDEN SUNSET 14 R Collins 8-10-4 P Niven
10 1PUP LADY BLAKENEY 14 (D,G) B Rothwell 8-10-2 A Dobbin
11 -33P RAIN MAN 48 M Hammond 9-10-0 N Williamson
12 5P35 TIMUR'S KING 31 (B,S) S Mellor 7-10-0 S Earle
13 4PF3 PESSOA 34 Mrs S Smith 7-10-0 Richard Guest
14 -00F JUST MOLLY 73 Jimmy Fitzgerald 7-10-0 L Wyer
15 5/00 QUIXALL CROSSETT 143 E Caine 9-10-0 Mr S Walker (7)

3-1 Silver Stick, 7-2 Tartan Tradewinds, 7-1 Lobric, 8-1 Nawrik, 10-1 Concert Paper, Timur's King, 14-1 Bula Nuday, Lastofthevikings, Pessoa, 16-1 others.

4.50 HALIFAX HANDICAP HURDLE
(£2,965: 3m 1f) (15)

1 3014 POLISHING 12 (C,F,G,S) M Hammond 7-12-6 S Lyons (5)
2 163P KILGARIFF 19 (G,S) R Fahey 8-11-10 F Leahy (7)
3 11-P STATED CASE 10 (F,G,S) G Holmes 9-11-8 L Wyer
4 1263 FIRM PRICE 15 (C,F,G,S) Mrs M Reveley 13-11-7 P Niven
5 0011 NORTHUMBRIAN KING 21 (CD,F,G) Mrs K Walton 8-11-6 J Callaghan
6 0521 FURRY BABY 10 (G,S) M Avison 7-11-1 R Garritty
7 0P56 JESTERS PROSPECT 11 (S) Mrs J Goodfellow 10-10-12 P Williams (5)
8 342P VITAL WITNESS 21 (S) K Morgan 7-10-12 A S Smith
9 5521 CELTIC BREEZE 12 (V,G,S) M Naughton 11-10-12 T Jenks (5)
10 1-04 LION OF VIENNA 24 (S) T Carr 7-10-8 R Hodge
11 3F02 STORM DRUM 6 (B,F,S) K Bailey 5-10-8 N Williamson
12 6056 SPROWSTON BOY 22 (F,G,S) M Chapman 11-10-6 W Worthington
13 -636 THIS NETTLE DANGER 94 (F) O Brennan 10-10-5 M Brennan
14 P303 FORWARD GLEN 6 (F) P Cheesbrough 7-10-3 K Johnson
15 -400 JUSTICE LEA 117 (F) T Cuthbert 14-10-0 Carol Cuthbert

4-1 Northumbrian King, 5-1 Furry Baby, 6-1 Celtic Breeze, 7-1 Storm Drum, 10-1 Forward Glen, Lion Of Vienna, Polishing, 14-1 Firm Price, 16-1 others.

COURSE SPECIALISTS

TRAINERS: Mrs M Reveley, 35 winners from 123 runners, 28.5%; G Richards, 29 from 134, 21.6%; Jimmy Fitzgerald, 22 from 102, 21.6%; J Mackie, 7 from 35, 20%; M H Easterby, 25 from 138, 18.1%.

JOCKEYS: R Dunwoody, 6 winners from 21 rides, 28.6%; L Wyer, 30 from 134, 22.4%; P Niven, 37 from 168, 22.0%; M Dwyer, 25 from 175, 16.6%; D Byrne, 7 from 49, 14.3%.

☐ Thumbs Up, trained by Nick Henderson, heads the British challenge at Punchestown today in the Ir£40,000 BMW Drogheda Handicap Chase. His stable companion, Emerald Storm, joins the Dai Williams-trained Ketti in the Bradstock Insurance Chase.

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Chapple-Hyam defers decision on Guineas team

By Julian Muscat

PETER Chapple-Hyam, the trainer of the 2,000 Guineas favourite, Turtle Island, yesterday postponed judgment on the colt's participation until Friday, just 24 hours before the running of the Newmarket classic over a mile.

The eleventh-hour decision has been prompted by the fast-drying ground, which is thought unlikely to favour Turtle Island. However, Chapple-Hyam appeared less concerned by encountering such conditions as he was by the preparation of Turtle Island and his three other Guineas candidates, Colonel Collins, Golden Nashwan and Canaska Dancer, all of which complete their homework with a full-scale workout on the Manton gallops this morning.

With their owners in attendance, Colonel Collins, Canaska Dancer and Turtle Island will work together over seven furlongs. Golden Nashwan, meanwhile, will work on his own. John Reid, who has the choice of mounts, will assess the state of the ground when he rides the Chapple-Hyam-trained Delta One at Newmarket on Thursday. A mixture of sunshine and showers has been forecast up to the end of the week.

Golden Nashwan and Canaska Dancer are definite Guineas runners, although Brent Thomson, initially nominated as Golden Nashwan's rider, is not expected to be in the saddle. He may instead be aboard Canaska Dancer. However, only one of Turtle Island and Colonel Collins will run, and Chapple-Hyam was yesterday leaning towards the former.

He said: "I am 70-30 in favour of running Turtle Island. He is still my No 1 hope but I don't advise people to back him at this stage." He added: "I don't think the ground is crucial to him. It was fast when he won the Heinz '57' Stakes in Ireland last year. If there is any cut in the ground there will be no point in running Colonel Collins. He is waiting in the background."

Chapple-Hyam's thoughts were not reflected by the weight of money taken by Corals yesterday. The bookmaking firm promoted King's Theatre, the Craven Stakes winner, to the head of their 2,000 Guineas betting, shortening the colt to 9-2 favourite from 6-1. As Turtle Island slipped out to 5-1 from 7-2, Golden Nashwan attracted strong support and ended the day an 8-1 chance from four points longer.

Grand Lodge, who headed Corals' winter market for the classic at 5-1, is now available at 25-1. He was among the 27 horses declared at yesterday's five-day stage. The possibility remains that the biggest 2,000 Guineas field will go to post since Zino beat 25 opponents 12 years ago.

Cash Asmussen, the French-based American jockey who rides Unblest in the classic, is due to arrive at Newmarket tomorrow evening. He will put Unblest through his paces on Thursday morning before partnering Coup De Genie in the 1,000 Guineas later in the day. "Coup De Genie is a superstar when she's 100 per cent and Francois Boutin [her trainer] is delighted with her. It speaks for itself that she won two group one races on the bridle last season."

Mytilene pleased her trainer, John Gosden, in a workout at Newmarket yesterday to confirm her 1,000 Guineas place. Frankie Dettori, pencilled in to ride the filly, now looks more likely to be aboard Balanchine, the challenger from Dubai. In that event, John Carroll will be approached for what would be his first ride in a British classic.

Balanchine was one of eight Dubai-trained horses to arrive at Newmarket from the Gulf state yesterday. All are engaged at the three-day meeting. Two of them, Tropical and Stepanov, are entered in the five-furlong Palace House Stakes on Saturday, the target of last season's outstanding sprinter, Lochsong.

□ Pat Eddery's appeal against a two-day ban imposed by the Beverley stewards last week will be heard by the Jockey Club on Friday.

Nap: THE NOBLE OAK
(3.10 Bath)
Next best: Welsh Mist
(3.00 Nottingham)

MARTIN LYNCH



Turtle Island's participation in the 2,000 Guineas will not be decided until Friday

3.40 MADAGANS 2,000 GUINEAS STAKES (Group I: 3-Y-O colts & fillies: £127,250: 1m) (27 five-day acceptors)
Canaska Dancer (trained by P Chapple-Hyam); Colonel Collins (P Chapple-Hyam); Cool Jazz (C Britain); Cotteir Chief (M Pipe); Crazy Paving (C Cyzer); Distant View (H Cecil); Dumaani (J Dunlop); Golden Nashwan (P Chapple-Hyam); Grand Lodge (W Jarvis); Green Green Desert (M Stoute); Indhar (J Banks); Just Happy (M Stoute); King's Theatre (H Cecil); Luhuk (J Dunlop); Mister Baileys (M Johnston).
Nicolotte (G Wragg); Piccolo (M Channon); Rafferty's Rules (Mrs J Ramsden); Redoubtable (R Hannon); River Deep (P Cole); Signe Divin (A Fabre, Fr); Star Selection (P Cole); State Performer (H Ibrahim, UAE); Supitzi (L Cumani); Torch Rouge (B Hills); Turtle Island (P Chapple-Hyam); Unblest (J Fanshawe).

4.15 PALACE HOUSE STAKES (Group II: £20,406: 5f) (19)
Blyton Lad (trained by M Camacho); Bunty Boo (R Hannon); Call Me I'm Blue (N Tinkler); Imperial Bailiwick (M Usher); Lavinia Fontana (J Dunlop); Lochsong (I Balding); Matelot (A Fabre, Fr); Midhish (B Hanbury); My-O-My (T Stack, Ire); Palacegate Jack (J Berry); Petula (M Bell); Risky (R Hannon); Splice (J Fanshawe); Stack Rock (E Alston); Stepanov (H Ibrahim, UAE); Surprise Offer (R Hannon); Tropical (H Ibrahim, UAE); Up And At 'Em (J Berry); Village Green (K Cunningham-Brown).

THUNDERER
2.30 Lady Silk. 3.00 Taghareed. 3.30 Thick As Thieves. 4.00 Let's Get Lost. 4.30 Placitana. 5.00 Star Jazz. 5.30 Kinoko.
Our Newmarket Correspondent: 3.00 Taghareed. 4.30 **CAMBREL** (nap).

GOING: GOOD TO SOFT (SOFT IN PLACES) SIS
DRAW: 5F-6F, HIGH NUMBERS BEST

2.30 TAVERN SELLING STAKES
(3-Y-O: £2,070: 6f 15yd) (10 runners)
1 5063 BOLD ALEX 11 (D,BF,G,S) S Norton 9-4 K Darley 1
2 0-04 CULSYTH FLYER 11 (D,F,S) R Hollinshead 9-4 W Ryan 3
3 0 BROOKLYN ROCK 6 J Wharton 8-12 Paul Eddery 5
4 5- CARLY'S SECRET 308 R Brotherton 8-12 W Woods 9
5 00-0 SCREWBALL ANACONDA 8 C James 8-12 S Whitworth 7
6 6-55 BURMA STAR 31 M Blanshard 8-7 K Fallon 4
7 00-0 EXPRESS LINE 31 A Jarvis 8-7 N Adams 8
8 6800 LADY SILK 4 J Hetherton 8-7 S Webster 10
9 00-4 PORTITE SOPHIE 13 M Brittain 8-7 J Lowe 6
10 0 RUBY PLUS 8 J A Harris 8-7 C Dwyer 2
3-1 Culsyth Flyer, 7-2 Bold Alex, 5-1 Burma Star, 6-1 Carly's Secret, Portite Sophie, 12-1 Express Line, Lady Silk, 14-1 others.

3.00 HEADINGLEY CONDITIONS STAKES
(3-Y-O: £4,233: 6f 15yd) (6)
1 01-5 MR M-E-N 22 (D,G,S) J Berry 9-9 G Carter 3
2 11 PATTO 19 (D,G,S) W Haggas 9-7 M Hills 6
3 10-1 ADMIRALS FLAME 26 (D,S) C Wall 9-3 W Woods 2
4 01- OGGI 172 (D,G) A Foster 9-1 J Fortune 5
5 41-0 WELSH MIST 31 (F) R Boss 8-12 M Roberts 1
6 212- TAGHAREED 262 (D,F) H Thomson Jones 8-10 R Hills 4
9-4 Taghareed, 7-2 Mr M-E-N, 4-1 Patto, 9-2 Welsh Mist, 5-1 Oggi, 7-1 Admirals Flame.

3.30 OLD TRAFFORD MEDIAN AUCTION MAIDEN STAKES (2-Y-O: £3,132: 5f 13yd) (7)
1 CHALDON HERRING J Arnold 9-0 W Carson 4
2 DAILY CHALLENGER B Hanbury 9-0 B Raymond 2
3 THICK AS THIEVES M Bell 9-0 M Hills 7
4 EASY OPTION W Jarvis 8-9 M Tebbutt 3
5 HYDROFOIL B Hills 8-9 R Hills 5
6 4 LADY QUINTA 26 J Berry 8-9 G Carter 6
7 LEAP YEAR BABY H Cecil 8-9 W Ryan 1
2-1 Leap Year Baby, 9-4 Hydrofoil, 9-2 Easy Option, 6-1 Daily Challenger, 7-1 Thick As Thieves, 8-1 Lady Quinta, 25-1 Chaldon Herring.

4.00 EDGBASTON HANDICAP
(£3,524: 1m 1f 213yd) (15)
1 150- MUCH SOUGHT AFTER 171 (G,S) D Morley 5-10-0 J Dennis (7) 13
2 520- MR VINCENT 195J (F,S) K Morgan 4-8-10 J Weaver 7
3 634- SHABANAZ 283 (D,G,S) W Muir 9-8-8 Kim McDonnell 15
4 40-0 LA SPEZIA 22 (D,F) M Blanshard 4-9-3 M Roberts 6
5 00-0 SON OF SHARP SHOT 13 (D,G) J Dunlop 4-9-0 W Carson 9
6 00-0 BARFORD LAD 14 (D,F,S) J Fanshawe 7-8-13 A Munro 12
7 5-03 LET'S GET LOST 14 (F) Mrs J Ramsden 5-8-12 K Fallon 5
8 60-3 MORSTOCK 7 R Hodges 4-8-4 Paul Eddery 2
9 0-20 DIVINE BOY 10 M Ryan 4-7-8 M Baird (7) 3
10 000- ACHELOUS 311 (B,G,S) J Glover 7-7-7 J Lowe 4
11 000- DOCTOR ROY 178 (D,F,G) N Bycroft 6-7-7 Darren Moffatt (5) 11
12 4023 GALLOP TO GLORY 10 A Forbes 4-7-7 N Adams 14
13 0/00 MERCHANT HOUSE 42J R Weaver 6-7-7 N Kennedy (3) 10
14 05-0 MR PERKY 31 K White 4-7-7 N Varley (7) 1
15 060/ SUNGROVE'S BEST 738J P Burgoyne 7-7-7 S Dawson 8
3-1 Let's Get Lost, 6-1 Barford Lad, Shabanaz, 8-1 Much Sought After, 10-1 Gallop To Glory, Mr Vincent, Son Of Sharp Shot, 20-1 others.

COURSE SPECIALISTS
TRAINERS: H Cecil, 25 winners from 64 runners, 39.1%; Mrs J Cecil, 5 from 20, 25.0%; W Haggas, 3 from 12, 25.0%; P Walwyn, 7 from 29, 24.1%; J Dunlop, 19 from 93, 20.4%; D Morley, 14 from 72, 19.4%.
JOCKEYS: W Carson, 36 winners from 169 rides, 21.3%; L Piggott, 5 from 29, 17.2%; Paul Eddery, 15 from 112, 13.4%; R Cochrane, 12 from 94, 12.8%; D Biggs, 6 from 48, 12.5%; W Ryan, 16 from 143, 11.2%.

4.30 OVAL MAIDEN STAKES
(3-Y-O fillies: £3,904: 1m 54yd) (15)
1 2-3 CAMBREL 13 (BF) H Cecil 8-11 W Ryan 6
2 CHIEF BEE H Cecil 8-11 A McGlone 15
3 5- DALCROSS 169 H Collingridge 8-11 C Hawksley (5) 4
4 04- FAIRFIELD DANCER 290 R Baker 8-11 S Whitworth 2
5 3- GILABTENI 264 A Scott 8-11 K Darley 7
6 GREEN'S PRINCESS M Bell 8-11 M Fenton (5) 8
7 24- LON ISA 172 B Palling 8-11 J Weaver 11
8 0- MY TIME 180 J Hills 8-11 A Munro 14
9 0 NARBONNE 13 W Jarvis 8-11 M Tebbutt 3
10 23- PLACITANA 273 P Harris 8-11 L Piggott 9
11 0 RACEME 13 R Boss 8-11 E Guest 12
12 03- RAZINAH 189 P Walwyn 8-11 W Carson 5
13 02-2 RED OCTOBER 19 G Wragg 8-11 M Hills 13
14 SOVIET FASHION B Hanbury 8-11 B Raymond 10
15 3. TWEET TWEET 24 R Williams 8-11 R Cochrane 1
3-1 Cambrel, 8-1 Chief Bee, Tweet Tweet, 10-1 Lon Isa, 12-1 others.

5.00 LORDS HANDICAP
(3-Y-O: £3,572: 1m 54yd) (20)
1 160- LADY PHYL 241 (S) B Meehan 9-7 S Whitworth 9
2 160- FOOTSTEPS 224 (F) P Cole 9-7 T G McLaughlin (5) 4
3 15-0 JUST FLAMENCO 22 (S) M Ryan 9-5 D Biggs 6
4 32-3 FAIR AND FANCY 12 (BF) B Hanbury 9-4 W Carson 1
5 015- STAR JAZZ 202 (S) Mrs J Cecil 9-3 Paul Eddery 2
6 -040 FRED'S DELIGHT 3 M Heaton-Ellis 9-1 Stephen Davies (3) 18
7 014- JOHNNIE THE JOKER 236 (F) J Leigh 8-12 Dean McKeown 16
8 0-50 EZEKIEL 15 J Payne 8-12 R Cochrane 20
9 006- BARNPARK 178 N Bycroft 8-11 L Charnock 10
10 244- SHARP FALCON 175 J Wharton 8-11 K Darley 12
11 50-0 BOLLIN NELL 27 M H Easterby 8-7 M Birch 15
12 056- RUNIC SYMBOL 204 M Blanshard 8-7 A Munro 13
13 006- SAMBA SHARPLY 172 A Hide 8-7 W Woods 5
14 0210 BLUE DOMAIN 52 (G) R Hollinshead 8-6 W Ryan 14
15 006- FLEUR DE TAL 181 R Boss 8-6 M Roberts 8
16 -324 CHANTELYS 77 (BF) M Ryan 8-5 P McCabe (5) 7
17 560- DOUCE MAISON 175 A Jarvis 8-3 N Adams 19
18 000- PAPPA'S PET 208 J Dunlop 8-1 G Carter 17
19 000- COMMENDATION DAY 236 B Hills 8-1 R Hills 11
20 00-0 STORM LEADER 20 M Brittain 7-7 J Lowe 3
7-1 Fair And Fancy, 8-1 Bollin Nell, Footsteps, 10-1 Star Jazz, 12-1 others.

5.30 TRENT BRIDGE HANDICAP
(£3,754: 1m 6f 15yd) (20)
1 4-20 ADMIRALS SECRET 8 (S) C Wall 5-9-10 W Woods 8
2 1413 KINOKO 3 (CD,G,S) K Hogg 8-9-6 (5ex) Dean McKeown 19
3 054- PISH KESH 193 W Muir 4-9-2 Kim McDonnell 14
4 204- KISMETIM 145J (S) B Meehan 4-9-2 S Whitworth 10
5 40-0 ON BROADWAY 27 Mrs A Swinbank 4-9-0 J Fanning 11
6 55/0 DESERT FORCE 11 R Weaver 5-8-13 J Weaver 17
7 06-3 TIGHT FIST 19 P Burgoyne 4-8-13 R Cochrane 9
8 430- NAAWY 203 C Smith 4-8-11 K Rutter (5) 15
9 524- PEACH BRANDY 190 R Voorspuy 5-8-5 N Adams 5
10 0036 SWORDKING 10 J L Harris 5-8-2 Paul Eddery 1
11 0-00 ROLLING THE BONES 8 (S) P Felgate 5-7-13 J Lowe 6
12 625/ SWEET REQUEST 829 J Bostock 6-7-13 A Tucker 3
13 -554 MALENOIR 15 (V,D,G) Miss G Kelleway 6-7-12 W Carson 18
14 3/54 MAC RAMBLER 22 N Bycroft 7-7-12 L Charnock 12
15 50-0 DESPERATE MAN 11 N Smith 5-7-12 L Sather (7) 4
16 0-05 NOBLE SOCIETY 8 M Usher 6-7-12 C Adamson (7) 20
17 4/0- MY SWAN SONG 22J (CD,G,S) J Smith 9-7-9 Darren Moffatt (5) 13
18 /0/0 BROUGHTON'S GOLD 20 W Musson 6-7-9 D Biggs 7
19 00/5 ROYAL CIRCUS 8 J O'Shea 5-7-8 NON-RUNNER 2
20 0-60 DON'T CRY 7 E Incisa 6-7-7 Kim Tinkler 16
5-1 Kinoko, 7-1 Tight Fist, 8-1 Pish Kesh, Peach Brandy, 12-1 others.

Healthy prize-money boost for Goodwood

GOODWOOD racecourse yesterday announced a 14 per cent increase in prize-money for this season. With the Sussex track's executive contributing £550,000, added money will be in excess of £1.7 million.

Alterations have been made to the prestigious five-day July fixture, with the five-furlong King George Stakes moved to the opening day of the meeting. The Richmond Stakes is switched from Wednesday to Thursday and the Lanson Champagne Vintage Stakes from Thursday to Wednesday.

THUNDERER
2.10 Daily Starshine. 2.40 Rocky Two. 3.10 Batchworth Bound. 3.40 Lucky Parkes. 4.10 Norfolk Lavender. 4.40 Foyer. 5.10 Potentate. 5.40 Amazon Express.
Our Newmarket Correspondent: 4.40 Foyer.
The Times Private Handicapper's top rating: 3.10 **SWEET WHISPER.**

GOING: GOOD DRAW: 5F, LOW NUMBERS BEST SIS

2.10 PENSFORD MAIDEN AUCTION STAKES
(2-Y-O: £3,078: 5f 11yd) (10 runners)
1 (1) 6 TUMBLEWEED COTTAGE 12 B Meehan 8-6 B Doyle (3) 94
2 (6) DAILY STARSHINE J Berry 8-5 J Carroll –
3 (3) 2 RUBYLEE 10 K McAuliffe 8-5 D Holland 97
4 (7) 52 DON ALVARO 11 G Lewis 8-2 D Wright (5) [illegible]
5 (10) 33 GALLOWS CORNER 26 R Hannon 8-1 E Greehy (7) 93
6 (9) LADY DAVENPORT M Channon 8-1 F Norton –
7 (5) 0 RED RIVER ROSE 22 C Hill 8-1 G Bardwell –
8 (8) FOXHILL FLYER M Usher 7-11 R Price –
9 (4) MIXED MOOD B Palling 7-11 D Harrison –
10 (2) SULE MOR B Millman 7-11 A Mackay –
3-1 Daily Starshine, 4-1 Rubylee, 9-2 Lady Davenport, 5-1 others.

2.40 SPA SELLING STAKES
(3-Y-O: £2,388: 5f 11yd) (16)
1 (2) 4205 MONSIEUR PETONG 11 (G) M Channon 8-12 R Painter (7) 76
2 (3) -032 ROCKY TWO 15 (D,BF,G) B McMahon 8-12 L Dettori 93
3 (9) 01-4 CERTIFICATE-X 7 (D,F,S) M Meade 8-7 D Holland [illegible]
4 (8) 055- EUROCHEM LAD 145 (B) G L Moore 8-7 A Clark 85
5 (15) 00-0 LITTLE GENT 15 R Akehurst 8-7 T Quinn 71
6 (10) 3655 NAPOLEON STAR 15 (B) M Saunders 8-7 V Slattery 81
7 (5) 50-0 NORTHERN STARLIGHT 10 P Murphy 8-7 A Dicks 68
8 (12) 3510 RANDOM 63 (D,G) C James 8-7 Pat Eddery 90
9 (4) 054- SING SONG BLUES 263 G Balding 8-7 J Williams 71
10 (6) 55- SWIFT NICK NEVISON 251 K Ivory 8-7 G Bardwell 67
11 (11) 043- DELROB 256 D Haydn Jones 8-2 A Mackay 83
12 (16) 205- ELUNED MAY 218 R Whitaker 8-2 Dale Gibson 85
13 (7) FARASTRADA (V) J Banks 8-2 J Quinn –
14 (13) HI PENNY K Ivory 8-2 G Duffield –
15 (14) 00-4 INFRA BLUE 15 (B) J Bridger 8-2 T Williams 62
16 (1) SQUEAKEASY T George 8-2 N Carlisle –
6-1 Random, 7-1 Certificate-X, 8-1 Delrob, Infra Blue, Little Gent, 10-1 others.

3.10 TRIPLEPRINT HANDICAP
(£3,019: 5f 11yd) (14)
1 (12) 000- MISTER JOLSON 262 (CD,F,G,S) R Hodges 5-10-0 S Drowne (5) 82
2 (1) 0-40 THE NOBLE OAK 40 (B,D,F,G) M McCormack 6-9-10 G Duffield 80
3 (10) 130- KILDEE LAD 208 (C,G) A Jones 4-9-7 J Williams 84
4 (9) 20-0 VLADIVOSTOK 10 R Lee 4-9-5 Pat Eddery –
5 (5) 031- SCORED AGAIN 304 (D,F) R Whitaker 4-9-3 A Culhane 80
6 (8) 2440 TRIOMING 22 (B,CD,F) A Jones 8-9-3 R Painter (7) 83
7 (2) 235- BATCHWORTH BOUND 190 (D,F,G) S Mellor 5-9-2 C Rutter 84
8 (6) 450- MIRIAM 208 (D,F) M Fetherston-Godley 3-8-11 D Harrison 83
9 (13) 5002 SPEEDY CLASSIC 8 (B,G) M Heaton-Ellis 5-8-10 D Wright (5) 88
10 (4) 360- OLYMPIA 204 J Spearing 4-8-7 A Mackay 93
11 (7) 4-06 JOHN O'DREAMS 8 (D,S) Mrs A King 9-8-5 A Garth (5) 87
12 (11) 61-2 SWEET WHISPER 8 (V,D,G) K McAuliffe 3-8-0 J Quinn [illegible]
13 (3) 0043 GRAND TIME 22 (B,D,F,G,S) C Hill 5-7-10 G Bardwell 85
14 (14) 00-0 SHADES OF JADE 15 (D,F) J Bridger 6-7-9 T Williams 85
7-2 Speedy Classic, 5-1 Scored Again, 6-1 Kildee Lad, 7-1 others.

3.40 CORSTON CONDITIONS STAKES
(£4,175: 5f 11yd) (5)
1 (3) 34-0 SIR JOEY 11 (D,F,S) P Murphy 5-9-12 J Williams 74
2 (2) 511- LUCKY PARKES 210 (CD,F,G,S) J Berry 4-9-9 J Carroll [illegible]
3 (5) 00-0 MISS VAXETTE 11 (D,F,S) J Spearing 5-9-9 M Humphries (7) 78
4 (1) 202- CRADLE DAYS 175 (D,F,G) R Hannon 5-9-6 L Dettori 84
5 (4) 10-0 LYNDON'S LINNET 10 (D,F) R Ingram 6-9-4 Pat Eddery 64
4-6 Lucky Parkes, 9-4 Cradle Days, 7-1 Lyndon's Linnet, 8-1 others.

4.10 AUDREY AND GEOFFREY HARRISON 40th ANNIVERSARY HANDICAP
(3-Y-O: £3,254: 1m 2f 46yd) (10)
1 (5) 084- DIGGERS WELL 172 G Harwood 9-7 G Duffield 96
2 (7) 081- MAKE A STAND 193 (S) H Candy 9-7 W Newnes 92
3 (4) -425 SHARP TYCOON 11 (B) B Meehan 9-3 B Doyle (3) 94
4 (9) 5-45 ALPINE SKIER 24 (S) R Hannon 9-2 Pat Eddery 92
5 (2) 058- NORFOLK LAVENDER 202 D Murray Smith 8-11 L Dettori 95
6 (3) 10-5 SUGAR TOWN 22 (BF,S) P Cole 8-8 T Quinn 93
7 (8) 0000 SWEET TRENTINO 12 M Channon 7-13 F Norton 92
8 (10) 0-54 KISSAIR 18 G Lewis 7-12 D Wright (5) 93
9 (6) 08-0 ENVIRONMENTALIST 26 (BF) S Williams 7-8 A Mackay [illegible]
10 (1) 00-6 GINGERILLO 22 T Mills 7-7 N Gwilliams 86
7-2 Kissair, 4-1 Make A Stand, 5-1 Sugar Town, 6-1 Diggers Well, 7-1 Sharp Tycoon, 8-1 Alpine Skier, Norfolk Lavender, 10-1 others.

4.40 BLATHWAYT MAIDEN STAKES
(Div I: 3-Y-O: £3,300: 1m 2f 46yd) (12)
1 (11) ACTING BRAVE G Harwood 9-0 Pat Eddery –
2 (9) 00- DRIMARD 174 K McAuliffe 9-0 D Holland 70
3 (6) ENDLESS LIGHT P Cole 9-0 T Quinn –
4 (5) FOYER M Stoute 9-0 L Dettori –
5 (2) 0- LAKE NONA 154 M Channon 9-0 R Painter (7) –
6 (1) 03-4 LATTAM 11 W Hern 9-0 G Duffield 97
7 (4) PICKET PIECE B Hills 9-0 D Harrison –
8 (8) 4-4 RIPARIUS 11 H Candy 9-0 W Newnes [illegible]
9 (3) 40 SPEEDY SNAPPER 10 P Cundell 9-0 J Williams 78
10 (12) 06-6 NUN-TARA 24 Mrs A Knight 8-9 A Dicks –
11 (10) 00- ROSY LYDGATE 223 P Harris 8-9 T Foggie (7) –
12 (7) 5 SOVEREIGN RUN 11 T Mills 8-9 N Gwilliams –
9-4 Foyer, 9-2 Picket Piece, 5-1 Endless Light, Riparius, 6-1 Lattam, 8-1 others.

5.10 BLATHWAYT MAIDEN STAKES
(Div II: 3-Y-O: £3,300: 1m 2f 46yd) (11)
1 (9) 00- BRIDIE'S PRIDE 211 G Ham 9-0 J Carroll –
2 (8) DANCING MAD W Hern 9-0 B Procter –
3 (11) 0- ESTIMRAAR 198 H Thomson Jones 9-0 N Carlisle –
4 (1) 0-0 HIGH ACCOUNT 14 P Chapple-Hyam 9-0 R Havlin (7) 88
5 (7) MOLED AGAIN M McCormack 9-0 A Clark –
6 (10) 26- MYSTIC HILL 189 R Charlton 9-0 Pat Eddery 96
7 (2) 066- NORTHERN HIGHLIGHT 190 B McMahon 9-0 T Williams 83
8 (3) 22- POTENTATE 294 P Cole 9-0 T Quinn [illegible]
9 (6) 00- CRYSTAL HEART 174 C Smith 8-9 C Hodgson (3) –
10 (5) SHAMWARI J Hills 8-9 B Thomson –
11 (4) 06 WHITE FLASH 11 D Elsworth 8-9 J Williams 92
5-2 Potentate, 4-1 Mystic Hill, 6-1 Dancing Mad, High Account, 8-1 others.

5.40 EMPIRE HANDICAP
(£3,504: 1m 3f 144yd) (20)
1 (15) 231- GILDERDALE 167 (C,F,G) J Hills 12-10-0 J Williams 98
2 (12) 14/ SHAARID 138J (F) I Balding 6-10-0 S O'Gorman –
3 (6) 031- BAYRAK 7J (G) J Jenkins 4-9-7 Pat Eddery 84
4 (4) 00-0 AMAZON EXPRESS 11 (D,F,G) R Akehurst 5-9-2 T Quinn 94
5 (19) 0-46 ALLESCA 7 (CD,S) M Usher 4-9-1 R Price 96
6 (10) 860- RUFFLE 169 Lady Herries 4-8-9 D Harrison 97
7 (5) 2-23 BARAHIN 18 (D,BF,F,G,S) J Bridger 5-8-4 A Clark 98
8 (20) 4-00 NIGHT EDITION 11 (B,S) S Dow 4-8-4 G Duffield 91
9 (13) 15-1 LEGAL ARTIST 58J (D,F,G) N Graham 4-8-3 L Dettori 94
10 (11) 05/0 CAROLE'S KING 7 (B,F) T Mills 6-8-1 N Gwilliams –
11 (7) 00-4 GALEJADE 10 (CD,F) D Haydn Jones 4-8-1 A Mackay 96
12 (3) 00-0 KATIE'S KID 31 C Hemsley 4-8-0 C Rutter 96
13 (14) 08-6 HOT OFF THE PRESS 20 (F) R Whitaker 4-7-10 Dale Gibson 95
14 (8) 3202 MR BEAN 10 (V,G) K Burke 4-7-8 R Street 98
15 (1) -030 MAI PEN RAI 19 (F,S) R Hodges 6-7-8 J Quinn 94
16 (9) 5446 STRAT'S LEGACY 59 (C,F,G) D Arbuthnot 7-7-8 A Garth (5) [illegible]
17 (16) -540 SOUTHAMPTON 10 G Balding 4-7-7 G Bardwell 96
18 (2) 0/3- RAMBLE 86J J Old 7-7-7 N Carlisle 90
19 (18) 000- LAJADHAL 333 B Forsey 5-7-7 D Wright (5) 81
20 (17) 066/ ENTERPRISE PRINCE 3J (F) P Murphy 8-7-7 S Lanigan (7) –
6-1 Hot Off The Press, 7-1 Barahin, Gilderdale, Legal Artist, 8-1 others.

COURSE SPECIALISTS
TRAINERS: H Thomson Jones, 5 winners from 13 runners, 38.5%; R Charlton, 6 from 17, 35.3%; G Harwood, 10 from 40, 25.0%; R Akehurst, 8 from 34, 23.5%; D Arbuthnot, 6 from 26, 23.1%; G Lewis, 9 from 41, 22.0%.
JOCKEYS: Pat Eddery, 25 winners from 79 rides, 31.6%; B Doyle, 5 from 18, 27.8%; T Quinn, 22 from 122, 18.0%; G Duffield, 8 from 55, 14.5%; A Clark, 10 from 77, 13.0%; G Bardwell, 6 from 50, 12.0%.

THUNDERER
5.30 Barna Boy
6.00 Running Sands
6.30 Winter Forest
7.05 Uncle Ernie
7.35 Spikey
8.10 **SORBIERE** (nap)

GUIDE TO OUR IN-LINE RACECARD
101 113143 GOOD TIMES 13 (BF,F,G,S) (Mrs D Robinson) B Hall 12-0 B West (7) 88
Racecard number. Six-figure form (F — fell. P — pulled up. U — unseated rider. B — brought down. S — slipped up. R — refused. D — disqualified). Horse's name. Days since last outing: F if flat. (B — blinkers. V — visor. H — hood. E — Eyeshield. C — course winner. D — distance winner. CD — course and distance winner. BF — beaten favourite in latest race). Going on which horse has won (F — firm, good to firm, hard. G — good. S — soft, good to soft, heavy). Owner in brackets. Trainer. Age and weight. Rider plus any allowance. The Times Private Handicapper's rating.

GOING: GOOD (CHASE COURSE) GOOD TO SOFT (HURDLES)

5.30 HOSTA NOVICES HURDLE (£3,087: 2m 4f) (14 runners)
101 1-63261 BARNA BOY 20 (CD,S) (Lynn Wilson) N Henderson 6-11-5 R Dunwoody [illegible]
102 F4 AND WHY NOT 31 (Mrs C Van Praagh) N Twiston-Davies 6-11-0 D Bridgwater 66
103 54 BEAUREPAIRE 47 (Pell-mell Partners) J Gifford 6-11-0 P Hide (3) 59
104 5/10151 BUTLER'S TWITCH 27 (CD,G,S) (C Hearn) O Sherwood 7-11-0 J Osborne 92
105 060403 CREDON 31 (Fortier Racing) S Woodman 6-11-0 A Maguire 83
106 0436 DENVER BAY 32 (B Naylor) J Gifford 7-11-0 D Murphy 68
107 0000 DIAMOND FLIER 20 (Executive Racing Partners) Miss H Knight 5-11-0 R Marley –
108 224516 GOLDEN SPINNER 32 (G,S) (Sir Peter Miller) N Henderson 7-11-0 J R Kavanagh 89
109 506-121 GO MARY 31 (G,S) (Miss C Phillips) Miss C Phillips 8-11-0 W Marston 86
110 1-0550P MAN O MINE 18 (F) (G Hubbard) G Hubbard 5-11-0 M Hourigan 60
111 3045/P MUSCLETON 133 (M Kingsley) D Elsworth 9-11-0 A McCabe –
112 0- NOBLE FORESTER 369 (Major P Pucinelli) D Chappell 6-11-0 G Upton –
113 533534 ROSS GRAHAM 10 (C Hansberry) Mrs B Waring 6-11-0 P Holley 74
114 3-0 THE REVEREND BERT 20 (Mrs G Balding) G Balding 6-11-0 E Leonard –
BETTING: 7-4 Barna Boy, 5-2 Butler's Twitch, 7-1 Go Mary, 8-1 Golden Spinner, 14-1 Beaurepaire, Credon, Muscleton, 16-1 And Why Not, 20-1 others.
1993: SURE PRIDE 5-11-0 G Moore (16-11 A Moore 7 ran

FORM FOCUS
BARNA BOY beat Feel The Power 2l in a 13-runner novice hurdle over course and distance (soft). AND WHY NOT 7¾l 4th of 11 to Senior Steward in a maiden hurdle at Newbury (2m 110yd, good). BEAUREPAIRE 3¾l 4th of 16 to Cherrian Le Roi in a novice hurdle at Wincanton (2m, good). BUTLER'S TWITCH beat Call Home 4l in a 15-runner novice hurdle over course and distance (good). CREDON 9¾l 3rd of 14 to Destiny Calls in a maiden hurdle at Newbury (2m 110yd, good). DENVER BAY 23½l 6th of 23 to Forest Feather in a maiden hurdle at Newbury (2m 5f, good). GOLDEN SPINNER beat Cyborgo 10l in an 8-runner novice hurdle at Ludlow (2m 5f 110yd, good) on penultimate start. GO MARY beat Gospel 1½l in a 14-runner novice handicap hurdle at Newbury (2m 5f, good).
Selection: BUTLER'S TWITCH

6.00 MICHAEL PAGE GROUP NOVICES CHASE
(£4,104: 2m 3f 110yd) (9 runners)
201 6P4-545 DUKE OF APROLON 13 (G) (First Eleven Partners) J Gifford 7-11-5 D Murphy 94
202 00U-243 HIDDEN PLEASURE 32 (R Gulding) S Christian 8-11-5 G Upton 77
203 1/2U-324 NEWLANDS-GENERAL 52 (BF,G,S) (W Hancock) Jimmy Fitzgerald 8-11-5 M Dwyer [illegible]
204 0-S2465 REAL PROGRESS 60 (S) (A Skeinett) P Hobbs 6-11-5 R Dunwoody 91
205 P453U4 RUNNING SANDS 60 (S) (Mrs S Willis) R Rowe 10-11-5 G McCourt 94
206 F04P02 SILENT CHANT 22 (V,F) (A Blackmore) A Blackmore 10-11-5 Gee Armytage 78
207 40-6P3F SPINNING STEEL 11 (F) (Mrs C Lewis-Jones) K Bishop 7-11-5 W Marston 90
208 0F442F WHYFOR 11 (C Sorrell) S G Knight 6-11-5 D Salter 62
209 4-U4PUP YOUNG ALFIE 5 (B) (J Panvert) J Panvert 9-11-5 A Maguire 65
BETTING: 6-4 Newlands-General, 5-2 Hidden Pleasure, 4-1 Duke Of Aprolon, 10-1 Real Progress, 12-1 Running Sands, Silent Chant, 14-1 Whyfor, 20-1 Spinning Steel, 50-1 Young Alfie
1993: THE MASTER GUNNER 9-11-5 R Davis (15-8 fav) K Bailey 11 ran

FORM FOCUS
DUKE OF APROLON 22½l 5th of 16 to Emerald Ruler in a novice chase at Worcester (2m 4f 110yd, good to soft). HIDDEN PLEASURE 33l 3rd of 10 to Raba Riba in a novice chase at Ludlow (2m 4f, good to firm). NEWLANDS-GENERAL 1½l 2nd of 9 to Southolt in a novice chase at Huntingdon (2m 110yd, soft) on penultimate start. RUNNING SANDS 35l 4th of 6 to Honest Word in a novice chase at Kempton (3m, soft) with REAL PROGRESS tailed off 5th. SILENT CHANT 10l 2nd of 9 to Russinsky in a handicap chase at Fakenham (2m 5f 110yd, soft). WHYFOR 1½l 2nd of 4 to Aldabe in a novice chase at Newton Abbot (2m 110yd, heavy) on penultimate start.
Selection: NEWLANDS-GENERAL

6.30 RESERVOIR HANDICAP HURDLE
(4-Y-O: £3,371: 2m 110yd) (4 runners)
301 121202 WINTER FOREST 19 (D,S) (Sheikh Ahmed bin Saeed) D Nicholson 12-0 A Maguire 97
302 11P DARK DEN 19 (D,G,S) (G Onslow) Mrs J Cecil 10-13 T Kent [illegible]
303 023142 ERCKULE 24 (BF,S) (The Saxon Partners) N Gaselee 10-0 J Osborne 96
304 25146 MARIUS 31 (S) (Mrs L Simpson) J Gifford 10-0 D Murphy 96
Long handicap: Marius 9-9.
BETTING: 4-7 Winter Forest, 7-2 Dark Den, 5-1 Erckule, 8-1 Marius.
1993: CARIBOO GOLD 4-10-3 J Railton (6-5 fav) K Bailey 8 ran

FORM FOCUS
WINTER FOREST neck 2nd of 8 to Jazilah in grade II Seagram Top Novice Hurdle at Aintree (2m 110yd, soft). DARK DEN beat Callandale 1½l in a 9-runner novice hurdle at Newbury (2m 110yd, good) on penultimate start with MARIUS (9lb better off) 27½l 4th. ERCKULE 3l 2nd of 7 to Giordano in a novice hurdle at Towcester (2m, soft). Previously 12¾l 4th of 8 to Daring Past in a handicap hurdle at Newbury (2m 110yd, good) with MARIUS (5lb worse off) 16½l 6th.
Selection: WINTER FOREST

7.05 MOONSHINE HANDICAP CHASE (£7,393: 2m) (8 runners)
401 214233 DEEP SENSATION 18 (CD,F,G,S) (R Eliot) J Gifford 9-12-0 D Murphy 94
402 312121 UNCLE ERNIE 17 (CD,G,S) (Jimmy Fitzgerald) Jimmy Fitzgerald 9-11-3 M Dwyer 98
403 214223 YOUNG SNUGFIT 53 (CD,BF,F,G,S) (M Oberstein) O Sherwood 10-10-11 J Osborne [illegible]
404 31F211 SPREE CROSS 28 (D,G,S) (P Mason) Mrs D Haine 8-10-0 A Maguire 97
405 5P1020 NORTHERN JINKS 10 (B,D,G,S) (Mrs E Smith) R Dickin 11-10-0 D Meredith (3) 85
406 234033 SETTER COUNTRY 4 (CD,F,G,S) (R Alley) R Hodges 10-10-0 R Dunwoody 78
407 432P43 CAMPSEA-ASH 27 (D,F,G) (G Hubbard) G Hubbard 10-10-0 J R Kavanagh 78
408 4-34142 MR FELIX 74 (D,F,G,S) (Felix Rosenstiel's Widow & Son) R Champion 8-10-0 B Powell 61
Long handicap: Spree Cross 9-8, Northern Jinks 8-11, Setter Country 8-2, Campsea-Ash 7-13, Mr Felix 7-7.
BETTING: 6-4 Uncle Ernie, 2-1 Deep Sensation, 4-1 Young Snugfit, 6-1 Spree Cross, 12-1 Setter Country, 20-1 Northern Jinks, 33-1 Campsea-Ash, Mr Felix.
1993: GUIBURN'S NEPHEW 11-10-5 C Maude (6-1) P Hobbs 8 ran

FORM FOCUS
DEEP SENSATION neck and 1l 3rd of 8 to Viking Flagship in grade I Queen Mother Champion Chase at Cheltenham (2m, good to soft) on penultimate start. UNCLE ERNIE beat Viking Flagship 11l in 8-runner grade II Martell Limited Handicap Chase at Aintree (2m, heavy). YOUNG SNUGFIT ½l 2nd of 4 to Good For A Laugh in a handicap chase at Doncaster (2m 110yd, good to soft). NORTHERN JINKS 3l 2nd of 8 to Wickfield Lad in a handicap chase at Ludlow (2m, good to firm) on penultimate start. SPREE CROSS beat Mulbank short-head in a 3-runner handicap chase at Sandown (2m, good). Earlier beat Good For A Laugh 15l in a 5-runner handicap chase at Newbury (2m 1f, good) with YOUNG SNUGFIT (13lb better off) 5l 3rd.
Selection: UNCLE ERNIE (nap)

7.35 ROYAL FERN NOVICES HANDICAP CHASE
(£5,129: 3m 110yd) (10 runners)
501 F2F503 GHIA GNEUIAGH 20 (C,G,S) (Mrs S Scott) N Twiston-Davies 8-12-0 D Bridgwater 97
502 P2-4211 SALLY'S GEM 22 (D,G,S) (B Gatensbury) J White 9-11-10 A Maguire 90
503 233324 SPIKEY 48 (BF,CD,G) (S Powell) J Jenkins 8-11-7 B Powell 90
504 03/5/12 CELTIC BARLE 24 (BF,G,S) (Mrs I Hodge) H Hodge 10-11-7 S McNeill 81
505 212243 BOLLINGER 10 (F,G,S) (R Eliot) J Gifford 8-11-3 D Murphy 88
506 31F631 DONT TELL THE WIFE 14 (S) (H & K Commissions) Mrs D Haine 8-10-11 J Osborne 90
507 4332P3 RAMPOLDI 20 (B,G,S) (P Barber) P Nicholls 7-10-7 R Dunwoody 92
508 41-1131 ASTINGS 3 (D,BF,G,S) (W Farrell) Jimmy Fitzgerald 6-10-7 (4ex) M Dwyer [illegible]
509 22-PFF6 PURPLE SPRAY 13 (Mrs B Shalls) R Rowe 9-10-0 C Burnett-Wells –
510 P433U2 THE POD'S REVENGE 40 (S) (A Spruce) E Alston 9-10-0 A Procter (3) 85
Long handicap: Purple Spray 9-5, The Pod's Revenge 9-2.
BETTING: 3-1 Sally's Gem, 7-2 Astings, 9-2 Celtic Barle, 13-2 Dont Tell The Wife, 7-1 Ghia Gneuiagh, 8-1 Bollinger, Rampoldi, 10-1 Spikey, 33-1 The Pod's Revenge, 50-1 Purple Spray.
1993: DUBACILLA 7-11-9 J Osborne (7-2 jt-fav) H Cole 9 ran

FORM FOCUS
SALLY'S GEM completing double beat Kiwi Velocity 25l in a 4-runner novice chase at Newton Abbot (3m 2f 110yd, heavy). Earlier beat Sardari 25l in a 5-runner novice chase at Southwell (3m 110yd, good to soft). SPIKEY best effort 18l 3rd of 9 to Ooe Man in grade II Reynoldstown Novice Chase over course and distance (soft). CELTIC BARLE 5l 2nd of 6 to Brabazon in a novice chase at Uttoxeter (3m 2f, heavy). DONT TELL THE WIFE beat Crosula 6l in an 8-runner novice chase at Uttoxeter (2m 5f, heavy). RAMPOLDI 10¾l 3rd of 12 to Couldn't Be Better in a maiden chase over course and distance (good to soft). ASTINGS beat Houghton 3½l in an 11-runner handicap chase at Market Rasen (2m 4f, good).
Selection: ASTINGS

8.10 PRIMULA HANDICAP HURDLE (£4,671: 3m) (8 runners)
601 613P00 PEATSWOOD 19 (D,G,S) (P Taplin) M Channon 6-11-10 Lorna Vincent 98
602 421221 HAPPY HORSE 27 (D,G,S) (Major I Manning) Mrs J Renfree-Barons 7-10-8 A Tory 93
603 1/2331-3 SORBIERE 36 (F) (Mrs R Procter) N Henderson 7-10-7 R Dunwoody 89
604 0-5334P SUKAAB 22 (F) (B Ryall) B Ryall 9-10-5 A Maguire [illegible]
605 006003 SEA BUCK 6 (G,S) (C Buckle) G Balding 8-10-3 J R Kavanagh 95
606 0355F2 SPECIAL ACCOUNT 14 (V,D,G,S) (T Forlito) C Barwell 8-10-1 N Mann 85
607 30FP0F FANTASY WORLD 47 (G,S) (A Ilsley) J Gifford 8-10-0 P Hide (3) –
608 R00-PRR MANDALAY PRINCE 216 (D,F) (D Crombie) J Webber 10-10-0 W Marston –
Long handicap: Fantasy World 9-3, Mandalay Prince 6-13.
BETTING: 2-1 Happy Horse, 3-1 Sorbiere, 4-1 Peatswood, 6-1 Sea Buck, 7-1 Special Account, 10-1 Sukaab, 16-1 Fantasy World, 50-1 Mandalay Prince.
1993: BUONARROTI 6-10-0 A Webb (25-1) J Old 14 ran

FORM FOCUS
PEATSWOOD best effort beat Beyond Our Reach 1½l in a 10-runner handicap hurdle at Kempton (3m 110yd, good) in December. HAPPY HORSE beat Mariell Boy 3½l in a 12-runner handicap hurdle at Worcester (3m, good). SORBIERE 6¾l 3rd of 9 to Billy Bathgate in a handicap hurdle at Lingfield (2m 3f 110yd, soft). SUKAAB 11½l 4th of 14 to Viardot in a handicap hurdle at Sandown (2m 6f, good to soft) on penultimate start. SEA BUCK 21¾l 3rd of 10 to Victor Bravo in a handicap hurdle at Cheltenham (3m 110yd, good to firm). SPECIAL ACCOUNT ¾l 2nd of 13 to Brabazon in a novice chase at Uttoxeter (3m 2f, heavy).
Selection: HAPPY HORSE

COURSE SPECIALISTS

TRAINERS	Wins	Rnrs	%	JOCKEYS	Winners	Rides	%
Jimmy Fitzgerald	6	16	37.5	M Dwyer	6	26	23.1
Miss H Knight	3	13	23.1	J Osborne	20	92	21.7
O Sherwood	12	56	21.4	S McNeill	4	22	18.2
N Twiston-Davies	12	62	19.4	G McCourt	7	41	17.1
R Hodges	4	21	19.0	A Maguire	7	42	16.7
P Hobbs	7	42	16.7	M A Fitzgerald	6	38	15.8

Pontefract
Going: soft

2.45 (5f) 1, BREAK THE RULES (K Darley, 7-2); 2, Noosa (J Weaver, 11-4 fav); 3, Raindeer Quest (K Rutter, 50-1). ALSO RAN: 100-30 Loganberry, 9-2 Scissor Ridge (5th), 9 Acorn (4th), 10 Harry's Birthday, 16 Pocket Edition, 20 Punch, Royal Expression (6th), 33 Stuffed. 11 ran. 2½l, nk, 1¾l, ¾l, 1½l. S Norton at Barnsley. Tote: £4.70; £1.70, £1.40, £8.30. DF: £5.50. CSF: £14.27.

3.15 (1m 4f 8yd) 1, FLORA BELLE (M Roberts, 2-1 fav); 2, Princess Shera (J Quinn, 7-2); 3, Greek Night Out (Dean McKeown, 6-1). ALSO RAN: 11-4 Poly Screen (6th), 10 Cruising Chick (5th), 14 Ozzie Jones (4th), 20 Ready Money Riley, 25 Mollinsburn, 33 Saffron River, 66 Astrology. 10 ran. NR: Bang In Trouble. 7l, 2l, 3½l, 12l, 4l. Lord Huntingdon at West Ilsley. Tote: £2.50; £1.10, £1.50, £1.70. DF: £5.60. CSF: £9.89.

3.45 (6f) 1, BLUE GRIT (J Weaver, 5-2 fav); 2, Nordic Brave (J Lowe, 7-1); 3, Super Seve (K Darley, 25-1). ALSO RAN: 7-2 Nizaal (4th), 7 Sondanse, 8 Glen Miller, 9 Ballad Dancer (5th), 14 Close To Reality (6th), 16 Broughton's Port, 20 Heart Broken, 33 Nile Delta. 11 ran. 4l, ¾l, ½l, hd, 1½l. M Dods at Darlington. Tote: £3.40; £1.60, £1.90, £6.00. DF: £9.70. Trio: £445.30. CSF: £19.70. Tricast: £336.60.

4.15 (1m 2f 6yd) 1, PETER QUINCE (W Ryan, 4-5 fav); 2, Jura (G Duffield, 11-8); 3, Tykeyvor (P Robinson, 10-1). 3 ran. 1¼l, 25l. H Cecil. Tote: £1.50. DF: £1.40. CSF: £2.08.

4.45 (2m 5f 122yd) 1, PATROCLUS (Darren Moffatt, 4-1); 2, Attadale (M Birch, 7-4 fav); 3, Arrow Line (L Charnock, 8-1). ALSO RAN: 7 Threemilestone, 14 Very Evident (4th), 16 Chantry Bartle, Creeager, Time For A Flutter (5th), 20 Bahrain Queen, Enkindle, Mr Taylor (6th), 33 A Gentleman Two, Negatory, 50 Dodger Dickins, Whatcomesnaturally. 15 ran. ¾l, 4l, 10l, 2l, 2l. J Mackie at Church Broughton. Tote: £5.10; £2.00, £1.80, £2.20. DF: £5.90. Trio: £15.50. CSF: £11.62. Tricast: £41.39.

5.15 (1m 2f 6yd) 1, BEAUMONT (J Quinn, 9-4); 2, Surrey Dancer (G Parkin, 4-5 fav); 3, Crimson Cloud (J Fanning, 66-1). ALSO RAN: 9 Riboold (6th), 10 Mary Macblain (4th), 25 Desirable Miss, 50 Doddington Player, Venture Fourth (5th). 8 ran. 2½l, 20l, 2l, 21½l, 12l. J Pearce at Newmarket. Tote: £3.00; £1.40, £1.10, £5.90. DF: £1.70. CSF: £4.21. Tricast: £53.81.

Jackpot: £1,580.40. Placepot: £8.00.

Southwell
Going: standard

2.00 (5f) 1, THREE OF HEARTS (A Clark, 7-2); 2, Dinot (A Munro, 7-2); 3, Bruz (S Parks, 3-1 fav). ALSO RAN: 7-2 Nineacres (4th), 15-2 T O O Mamma's (5th), 12 Loreial Rock (6th), 20 Cizarga. 7 ran. Hd, 4l, 1l, 3l, 7l. Mrs N Macauley at Melton Mowbray. Tote: £3.00; £2.30, £3.60. DF: £5.10. CSF: £15.44.

2.30 (6f) 1, SWEET CHEAP PET (J Carroll, 8-1); 2, Just Fizzy (W Newnes, 4-1); 3, Lugana Vision (N Carlisle, 7-1). ALSO RAN: 5-4 fav Warwick Waltzer (4th), 4 Go LikeCrazy (6th), 8 Aylodou (5th), 20 Pearl Fox. 7 ran. NR: Fayles Flyer. 2½l, ½l, 2l, 7l. J Berry at Cockerham. Tote: £12.60; £4.30, £2.40. DF: £13.20. CSF: £39.64.

3.00 (1m) 1, POSITIVO (D Harrison, 11-8 fav); 2, Rockstine (W Newnes, 5-1); 3, Barosid (A Mackay, 16-1). ALSO RAN: 5 Lady Tjonger (4th), 8 I'm A Nut Man (6th), Porte Belloch, 10 Eskimo Nel (5th), 20 Red Queen, 25 Yengema, 33 Lindy Belle. 10 ran. 9l, 3½l, 3l, 6l, 3l. Lord Huntingdon at West Ilsley. Tote: £1.90; £1.30, £1.30, £3.40. DF: £3.80. CSF: £9.23.

3.30 (1m) 1, NELLIE'S GAMBLE (A Munro, 4-1 fav); 2, Ivan The Terrible (A Mackay, 10-1); 3, Out Of Favour (M Tebbutt, 15-2). ALSO RAN: 7 Dream Carrier (4th), 8 Certain Way, 9 Dome Prospect (5th), 10 Mohican Brave, 11 Express Service, 12 Eastleigh, Oliva Val, 14 Miss Freebie, 18 May Square, 25 Personimus (6th), 33 Manx Monarch, Mr Moriarty. 15 ran. 1¼l, 7l, ¾l, nk, hd. A Bailey at Tarporley. Tote: £4.40; £2.00, £7.80, £2.50. DF: £78.70. Trio: £60.30. CSF: £43.08. Tricast: £272.53.

4.00 (1m 4f) 1, MR ABBOT (J Fortune, 12-1); 2, Top Shiel (A Munro, 8-11 fav); 3, Final Ace (A Eddery, 20-1). ALSO RAN: 11-2 Quetzal Aviator (4th), 7 Goodbye Millie, 8 Charlie Bigtime (6th), 9 Sarwan, 16 Volcanic Dancer, 25 The Can Can Man, 33 Billhead, Crab 'N Lobster, Haisel (5th). 12 ran. NR: Mad Militant. 1¼l, 1½l, 6l, 7l, 7l. Mrs M Reveley at Saltburn. Tote: £19.20; £3.20, £1.10, £6.60. DF: £8.20. CSF: £23.24.

4.30 (7f) 1, OFF THE AIR (D Harrison, 3-1); 2, Queens Stroller (A Munro, 11-4 fav); 3, Frisky Miss (G Carter, 7-2). ALSO RAN: 13-2 Echarde, 7 Cazanove's Pet (4th), 14 Dancing Rosina, Mrs Bizzybody (6th), Muckross Park (5th), 16 Sarah's Opera. 9 ran. Nk, 1l, 13l, nk, 9l. Lord Huntingdon at West Ilsley. Tote: £2.90; £1.10, £1.10, £1.90. DF: £3.80. Trio £4.20. CSF: £12.22. Tricast: £28.64.

5.00 (6f) 1, SHAREOFTHEACTION (A Munro, 100-30); 2, Milos (Stephen Davies, 7-4 fav); 3, Sylvan Celebration (S Bethley, 9-1). ALSO RAN: 2 Champagne Atester (4th), 8 Sedimentary (5th). 5 ran. ½l, 15l, 2½l, 3l. M Naughton at Richmond. Tote: £5.40; £5.10, £1.00. DF: £3.70. CSF: £9.37.

Placepot: £43.40.

Windsor
Going: good

5.30 (1m 67yd) 1, Roseate Lodge (A Clark, 7-1); 2, Mount Leinster (12-1); 3, Fabe (16-1). Gallant Spirit 2-1 fav. 20 ran. NR: Umbria. 1¼l, sh hd. K Burke. Tote: £12.70; £3.60, £4.30, £7.50. DF: £38.50. CSF: £100.66.

6.00 (5f 10yd) 1, Shamanic (L Dettori, 4-1); 2, Shendine (11-8 fav); 3, Estoppel (10-1). 10 ran. 3l, 2l. R Hannon. Tote: £5.50; £2.30, £1.20, £2.70. DF: £5.10. Trio: not won (pool of £508.54 carried forward to 7.35 race at Ascot today). CSF: £10.11.

6.30 (5f 10yd) 1, Brave Edge (Pat Eddery, 4-1); 2, Asking For Aces (14-1); 3, Muzz (9-4 fav). 6 ran. 1l, 3½l. R Hannon. Tote: £4.70; £2.30, £2.60. DF: £20.20. CSF: £40.92.

Hexham
Going: heavy

5.45 (2m hdle) 1, Scaraben (A Maguire, 4-1); 2, Derwent Lad (14-1); 3, Five Flags (11-4 fav). 12 ran. 8l, nk. S Kettlewell. Tote: £5.00; £2.30, £3.90, £1.10. DF: £25.20. CSF: £54.12.

6.15 (3m 1f ch) 1, Hudson Bay Trader (Mrs A Farrell, 3-1); 2, Count Surveyor (2-1 fav); 3, Crown Eyeglass (4-1). 5 ran. 7l, 14l. P Beaumont. Tote: £2.90; £1.30, £1.20. DF: £5.60. CSF: £8.66.

□ David Harrison was banned for two days, May 4-5, for excessive use of the whip on Off The Air, winner of the Gouda Fillies' Handicap at Southwell yesterday.

BLINKERED FIRST TIME: Bath: 2.40 Farastrada, Napoleon Star. 4.10 Sharp Tycoon.

Weaver on mark with Blue Grit

JASON Weaver prepared for his first classic ride — on Mister Baileys in the 2,000 Guineas at Newmarket on Saturday — with a polished success on Blue Grit in the Tote Dual Forecast Handicap at Pontefract yesterday.

Weaver bided his time before threading Blue Grit through a narrow gap inside the final furlong to beat Nordic Brave by four lengths. Blue Grit, the winner of the corresponding event 12 months ago, was notching his fourth success at Pontefract.

Trainer Michael Dods said: "He's probably ten times better here than anywhere else."

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Angry clubs demand change to TV match

BY KEITH PIKE

THE FA Premier League said yesterday that it is prepared to risk the wrath of clubs involved in the relegation battle in order to allow the climax to the championship to be broadcast live on television.

The decision to allow Manchester United and Blackburn Rovers to play their final games, at home to Coventry City and Ipswich Town respectively, on Sunday, May 8 — 24 hours after the rest of the FA Carling Premiership programme is completed — is sure to provoke a furious reaction from struggling clubs who have already protested that Ipswich could have an unfair advantage in knowing exactly what they need to do to survive.

A situation likely to cause considerable embarrassment to the League will only be prevented if, between now and the penultimate weekend of the season, Blackburn are eliminated from the title equation. The League would then switch the game between Blackburn and Ipswich back to its original date of May 7 and allow Sky to proceed with



Royle: optimistic

live coverage of Manchester United being presented with their second successive championship.

"We have got to balance Blackburn Rovers going for the championship and Ipswich being relegated and, at the moment, it seems impossible to satisfy both parties," Adrian Cooke, a League spokesman said. "We can upset Blackburn, or clubs in the relegation area, or Sky. You pays your money and takes your choice."

The problem has been caused by Ipswich's continuing slide into relegation trouble since the decision was made on April 6. They have taken only three points out of the last 27 and, with two matches to play, are now only four points clear of Sheffield United in the third relegation place. Ipswich's penultimate game is against the champions next Sunday and there is every possibility that they will need to take points off Blackburn to survive.

Privately, the League must be hoping that Blackburn, who trail Manchester United by two points and have played one game more than them, are knocked out of contention. That cannot happen this week, but should Blackburn fail to take three points off West Ham United tomorrow, Manchester United defeat Leeds United at Elland Road on the same night and then win at Portman Road next Sunday, the title will be theirs.

Cooke said that a final decision could be delayed as late as next Monday, May 2, after Blackburn have played Coventry, even though police forces usually require at least eight days' notice of fixtures. However, should Blackburn still be in contention and the May 8 date be confirmed for their final game, clubs trying to avoid Swindon Town's fate — eight are still threatened by relegation — will be furious. At least four of them contacted the League yesterday to state their concerns.

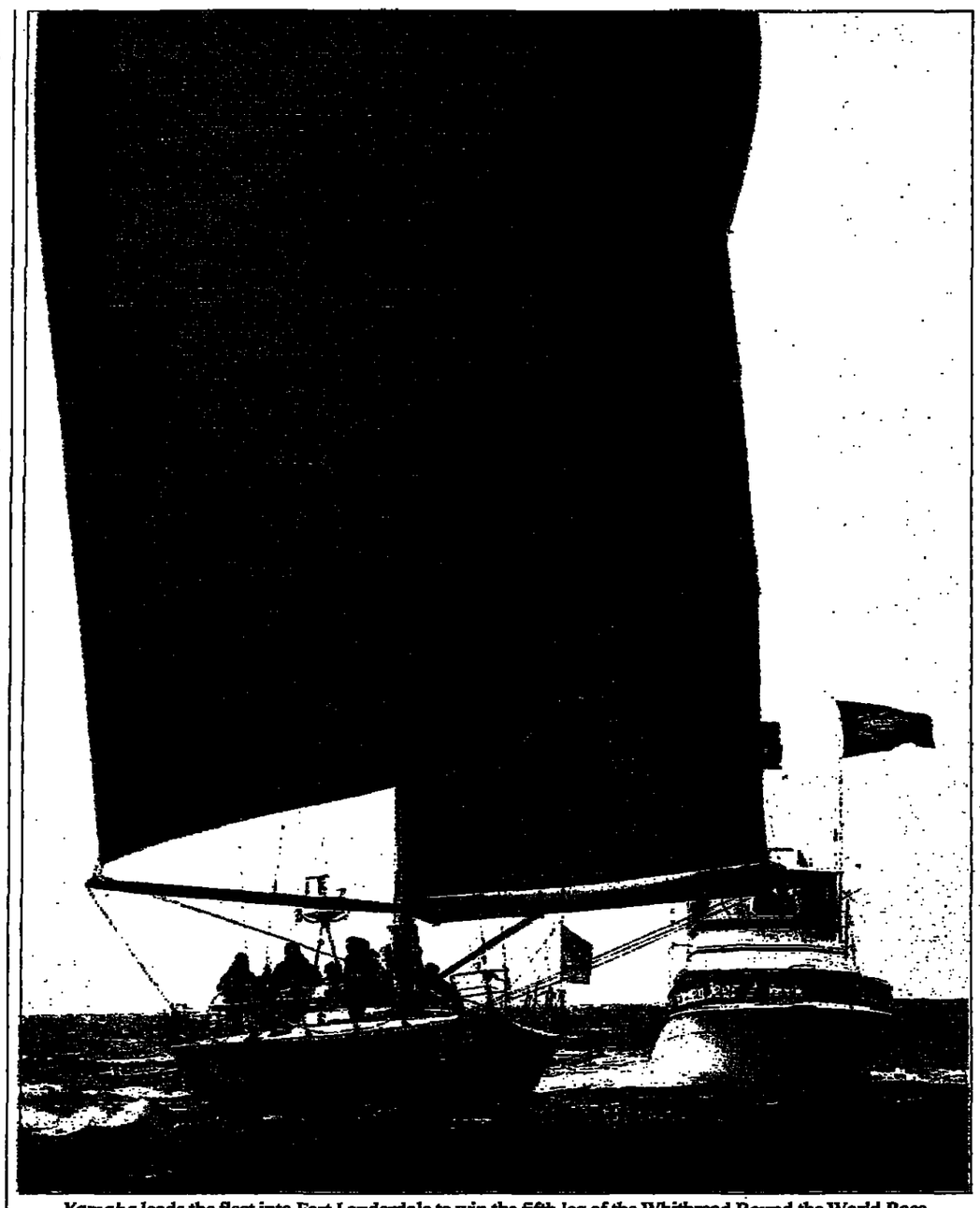
"We have voiced our protest to the Premier League and so have most of the other clubs still in danger of relegation," Terry Cale, the Oldham Athletic secretary, said. "Previously, we had asked if we could play our rearranged game against Tottenham on May 10, but they turned that down firmly on the basis it would give us an unfair advantage. We pointed out to them this morning that Ipswich playing on the Sunday constitutes a similar advantage. If they pull the Ipswich game back to the Saturday, we would not have an argument."

Jim Greenwood, the Everton chief executive, said: "We consider it would be grossly unfair if any one club had an unfair advantage." Cooke, he said, was "well aware" of the situation. "We understand they have the matter in hand and we should be able to leave it to our professionals."

Derek Dooley, the Sheffield United chief executive, said: "We feel that the Premier League can make only one decision in the circumstances and that would be not to allow Ipswich to play on the Sunday when everybody else at the bottom has finished."

Oldham, meanwhile, have a more pressing engagement tonight. They play Wimbledon at Selhurst Park knowing that victory would take them above Sheffield United and Southampton and out of the bottom three. Their 3-2 defeat against Newcastle United at St James' Park on Saturday was their third successive reverse in the league, but Joe Royle, their manager, is confident Oldham can survive: "I still believe we can get the couple of wins and draws we need to reach 45 points and safety," Royle said. "Although we lost at Newcastle, I was pleased with the spirit we showed. 'We will be going to Wimbledon full of confidence — it is a game we can win."

Ray Hardman, the Swindon chairman, has again given public support to John Gorman after supporters called for his dismissal in the wake of the defeat against Wimbledon on Saturday that confirmed their relegation. "We are most happy with John and he will be starting next season as manager with us," Hardman said. "I will also be staying. I have worked hard for this club and will continue to do so as long as I am wanted."



Yamaha leads the fleet into Fort Lauderdale to win the fifth leg of the Whitbread Round the World Race

Intrum's luck may be changing



Lawrie Smith, skipper of *Intrum Justitia*, believes bad weather will help his crew on final stage

Ten hours 26 minutes. That is the margin we have to beat Ross Field's rival 60-footer, *Yamaha*, by on the final stage of the Whitbread Round the World Yacht Race back to Southampton if we are to capture overall honours.

A tall order? Not if my experience in the last Whitbread race, four years ago, is anything to go by. Then, we regained 30 hours on the leaders after being forced into port to repair our damaged rig on *Rothmans*. Like last time, we will need some good fortune, but luck has a habit of turning full circle in a race of this length — and *Yamaha* got her full measure on this last stage from Uruguay.

For us, it was obviously frustrating to have been almost four hours ahead of *Yamaha* when we left Punta del Este, and 13 miles ahead of these New Zealanders when *Tokio*, the earlier race leader, dropped her mast off the Brazilian coast.

Yamaha's luck came when she carried the wind through the calms at the equator, sailing five miles around *Intrum Justitia's* position and opening up a 220-mile lead.

But looking at the wider picture, we set out from Uruguay with the goal of cutting *Tokio's* lead down to within ten hours to give us a fighting chance on the last leg. The only difference to our game plan is that *Intrum* now faces a different crew.

We have several things going for us. First, we are sailing back into my own home waters where our knowledge of the strong tides could prove a vital decider. Second, this leg provides several tactical options across the Atlantic.

The secret to our success last time was to stay within the Gulf Stream where the favourable four-knot current and warm waters can add 40 per cent to speed. The problem is that its course northwards and across the Atlantic changes almost daily, making it difficult for some to track.

The third, and perhaps most significant advantage, is that *Intrum Justitia* is faster than *Yamaha* in heavy weather. Given a prolonged gale in the North Atlantic, we believe we can pull out a 200-mile lead over them, just as we did during the two Southern Ocean legs.

Our goal now must be to get ahead at the start and win this final leg, leaving Field and his crew with the task of keeping up.

One concern they must have is the unseen threat of hull delamination. During the last leg, the winds were never more than 35 knots, yet at least five yachts, including *Yamaha*, suffered damage. It was serious enough on *Dolphin & Youth* for Matt Humphries to head for Rio to make repairs.

Brad Butterworth, the skipper of *Winston*, has reported damage to both the bows and stern of his American entry, and Grant Dalton and his crew lost considerable time shoring up the bows of their Maxi, *New Zealand Endeavour*.

Unlike *Intrum*, the *Yamaha* crew know their hull to be suspect, and if we hit a northerly blow in the Gulf Stream, will be holding back.

During the next three weeks, my crew will be giving *Intrum* a complete overall, fitting new rigging, replacing rudder bearings and shipping three new sails. Unlike the *Yamaha* crew, we are confident our boat can take whatever the North Atlantic can throw at us, and with a little of their good fortune, can lift that final Heineken Trophy yet.

☐ Ross Field and his *Yamaha* crew had their fifth-stage celebrations soured on the dockside when a lawyer acting for the American yachtswoman, Nance Frank, served a $15 million writ on their New Zealand challenge. Frank claims illegal practices.

LEADING POSITIONS (6th stage from Uruguay to Fort Lauderdale): Whitbread 60 class: 1, Yamaha (R Field, NZ) 22days 09hr 13min; 2, Intrum Justitia (L Smith, Eur) 22:19:16; 3, Galicia 93 (Pescanova (J de la Gandara, Sp) 24; 4, Winston (B Butterworth, US) 31; 5, Brooksfield (G Maisto, It) 39; 6, Heineken (D Riley, US) 239; 7, Hetman Sahaidachny (E Platon, Ukr) 362; 8, Odessa (A Verba, Ukr) 773; 9, Dolphin & Youth Challenge (M Humphries, GB) 1,238; 10, Tokio (C Dickson, NZ) 1,726. Maxi class: 1, Merit Cup (P Fehlmann, Swi1t2) 22:12:30; 2, New Zealand Endeavour (G Dalton, NZ) 22:13:15; 3, La Poste (E Tabarly, Fr) 146; 4, Uruguay Natural (G Vanzini, Uru) 683. Overall (after five legs): Whitbread 60 class: 1, Yamaha, 107:17:57; 2, Intrum Justitia, 108:04:23. Maxi class: 1, New Zealand Endeavour, 107:06:14; 2, Merit Cup, 108:00:35.
*Results supplied by BT

Title fails to dispel clouds over Dorahy

BY CHRISTOPHER IRVINE

JOHN Dorahy has looked a worried man for much of the rugby league season. His expression has been that of somebody who thinks he might have left the gas on at home. Nobody said sustaining success at Wigan would be easy.

Indeed, despite the possibility of completing a fifth successive league and cup double at Wembley on Saturday, Dorahy is uncertain whether he will be retained at Central Park a second season. Although Wigan clinched their sixth first division title in eight years with a 50-6 rout of Oldham on Sunday night, Dorahy talked darkly yesterday of political manoeuvrings at the club.

"When I came here I was told I would be judged on results," he said. "I hope that will be the case. The championship was our No 1 goal. We've achieved that and it could just be the start.

"To quote Martin Luther King 'They can't take away the glory of what we have done. They can only look up and try to knock us off the top of the mountain'."

On points of style, Dorahy has been marked down for his carpings about referees and opposition tactics, coupled with misinformation put out about his team line-ups. If not bad, there were occasions when his side looked thoroughly indifferent, even if Wigan's sheer resolve is bringing results at the business end of the season.

Dorahy could at least content himself yesterday with the knowledge that he has none of the injury problems Leeds have for the Challenge Cup final. In naming his side today, the only real question is whether Va'aiga Tuigamala, the former New Zealand rugby union wing, has done enough to keep Jason Robinson out of the side.

As well as Ellery Hanley, Leeds have Kevin Iro and Graham Holroyd nursing hamstring strains, while Neil Harmon has yet to have the plaster taken off a broken thumb.

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Wigan	30	23	0	7	780	403	46
Bradford	30	23	0	7	784	555	46
Warrington	30	23	0	7	626	430	46
Castleford	30	19	1	10	787	468	39
Halifax	30	17	2	11	682	581	36
Sheffield	30	16	2	12	704	671	34
Leeds	30	15	2	13	673	660	32
St Helens	30	15	1	14	704	537	31
Hull	33	14	2	14	536	530	30
Widnes	30	14	0	16	523	642	28
Featherstone	30	13	1	16	551	681	27
Salford	30	11	0	19	554	850	22
Oldham	30	10	1	19	552	651	21
Wakefield	30	9	1	20	458	708	19
Hull KR	30	9	0	21	493	782	18
Leigh	30	2	1	27	370	912	5

Women's rugby wins recognition

BY DAVID HANDS, RUGBY CORRESPONDENT

PARIS, the song says, is the place to spend April, but England's rugby players are coming to prefer Edinburgh. Last year, the men won the World Cup sevens at Murrayfield; this year, the women carried off their own world championship on the oldest international ground, Raeburn Place.

The final on Sunday against the American Eagles concluded a significant period for the distaff side. Playing standards advanced considerably from the inaugural championship of 1991, while the conference which coincided with the tournament established an international committee which will give greater cohesion to the women's game worldwide.

The new committee's executive embraces representatives from England, Wales, the United States and Canada, with one of its primary aims the extension of the game from its present base in 22 countries.

It will also seek integration with the [men's] International Rugby Football Board (IRFB), which will ensure that such countries as New Zealand are not withdrawn from the scheduled 1998 championship — as they were from this one.

Keith Rowlands, the IRFB secretary who attended the conference in Edinburgh, will prepare a discussion document on women's rugby for the board's next meeting in the autumn.

"They are doing a worthwhile job for that sector of the game and need all the encouragement they can get," he said. "The board has told member unions they should seek to affiliate women's organisations because the game needs to be a totality, not fragmented, and the women need the infrastructure the men's game can readily provide."

The women's game in England, which made such strides after the first championship, will surely benefit further from this success. Unlike 1991, this championship demonstrated that women can play to an exacting standard.

Pound for pound, there can have been few better flank-forward displays than that of Natalie Amiel, the captain of France, in defence against England and in attack against Wales; Jos Bergmann's catch off her toes and pass to set up an American try in the final was of the highest order, while the covering of Bess Evans, the Wales scrum half, was courageous in the extreme.

A montage of the tournament's best moments would lose nothing by comparison with the men's game, but the women must be allowed to stand on their own merits.

SPORT IN BRIEF

Hardcastle protests at ASA decision

SARAH Hardcastle is to appeal against the decision of the Amateur Swimming Association (ASA) to disallow the British record she set at 1,500 metres freestyle in Edinburgh three weeks ago (Craig Lord writes).

The governing body's swimming committee states that her time of 16min 39.46sec at the Edinburgh international, 4.49sec inside the British record she set on her sixteenth birthday, nine years ago this month, had to be considered a "paced attempt", because Hardcastle had swum among men and had not complied with time-trial procedure.

Hardcastle believes the decision to be "petty blind bureaucracy". In her reply and appeal, she argues that pacing played no part. Hardcastle led the men's heat from the dive until touching the wall for the last time more than 25 metres clear. Hardcastle's existing record was 25 seconds faster than the entry time of the fastest man in the weakest heat, in which she swam.

Stone's chance to atone

BOXING: Bradley Stone, of Canning Town, gets his chance to prove that the defeat in the fifth round by Boualem Belkif, of France, in his last contest, was an aberration, when he meets another difficult opponent, Richie Wenton, from Devon, for the British super-bantamweight title at York Hall, Bethnal Green, tonight (Srikumar Sen writes).

Wenton is the younger brother of Nigel Wenton, the contender for the British lightweight title. He has had 17 bouts, losing only one, and if his tactics are correct, could inflict a second defeat on Stone. Terry Lawless, Stone's manager, puts his recent defeat down to a depressed state of mind caused by a family bereavement.

Stiff test for Britain

ICE HOCKEY: Britain face a daunting prospect when they play Russia today in their opening game of the world championships in Bolzano, northern Italy. For the first time in 32 years, Britain are in the top Pool A. However, the team's rapid advance during the past five years has probably come a shade too quickly, especially as the squad's preparation has not been ideal. Survival in the group is probably the best Britain can hope for and at least one win is essential. The best chance will probably come against Austria next Tuesday.

Sam Burns dies at 80

BOXING: Sam Burns, one of British boxing's most colourful characters, died yesterday after a long illness, aged 80. Burns, who managed many outstanding boxers including the Finnegan brothers and Terry Downes, the former world middleweight champion. He was also actively involved in racing and was managing director of bookmakers, William Hill, between 1972-81. He was often heard to say: "It's betting before six o'clock and boxing after." He wrote for *The Sporting Life* on boxing as Straight Left and racing as Bendigo.

Jacobs in action again

BOXING: The European Boxing Union (EBU) has ordered Gary Jacobs, the welterweight champion, to make another mandatory defence, this time against Del Bryan, the British champion. This comes less than a fortnight after he stopped Allesandro Duran, of Italy, in Glasgow. The Duran bout came only ten weeks after Jacobs had beaten Tek N'kalenkete in Paris in a voluntary defence. The EBU has called for negotiations for the Jacobs-Bryan bout by mid-July. Mickey Duff, Jacobs's manager, is working to secure a match with the outstanding WBC holder, Pernell Whitaker.

Marathon man found

ATHLETICS: Mauro Prosperi, of Italy, who was feared dead when he disappeared in a sand storm during the Saharan marathon in Morocco two weeks ago, has turned up in a hospital in western Algeria. It was reported yesterday that Prosperi, 38, was found wandering in the desert by nomadic tribesmen who took him to Tindouf near the Moroccan border. Prosperi, a former Olympic modern pentathlete, phoned his wife in Sicily to assure her of his safety. "I knew he was alive because Mauro is strong and determined and doesn't give in easily," she said.

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Results from company golf days

The four top scorers in the individual Stableford competitions played on the company golf days listed below now comprise the company team eligible to qualify for a regional final.

Date	Company name	Venue	Aggregate
April 30-3	Macintyre Care 1, K Orrell, 34 points; 2, I Whittle, 33; 3, S Foll, 28; 4, B Hawkins, 24	Woburn	119
April 12-4	Infotec UK Ltd 1, P Smith, 39; 2, P Prodromou, 39; 3, M Carwin, 37; 4, D Johnson, 37	Collingtree Park	152
April 13-4	Procter & Gamble 1, T Boale, 33; 2, J Slade, 31; 3, M Ling, 29; 4, M Jarvis, 27	Old Thorns	120
April 18-4	Calor Northern Ireland Ltd Results not available	Castlerock	
April 18-4	Ladbroke Racing 1, M Shrosbree, 38; 2, D Bowen, 33; 3, D Norman, 30; 4, M Ross, 28	Pinner Hill	129
April 19-4	The Peninsular and Oriental Steam Navigation Co 1, P French, 34; 2, S Blagden, 33; 3, D Roach, 32; 4, P Jewell, 32	The Belfry	131
April 21-4	Shell Chemicals (UK) Ltd 1, M Murray, 37; 2, J Wilkinson, 36; 3, R Thomson, 36; 4, R Roberts, 30	Denham Forest	139
April 22-4	DHL International (UK) Ltd Results not available	East Sussex National	
April 30-3	Cazenove & Co (Europe) Ltd 1, D Richards, 34; 2, D Dennis, 33; 3, S Daniels, 31; 4, D Potinger, 29	East Sussex National	127

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9.05 Kilroy. Studio discussion (s) (9051713)
10.00 News (Ceefax) regional news and weather (9939084) **10.05 Playdays** *(r) (s) (8344572)*
10.30 Good Morning . . . with Anne and Nick. Weekday magazine (22577317)
12.15 Pebble Mill presented by Judi Spiers (8343152) **12.55 Regional news** and weather (77268201)
1.00 One O'Clock News (Ceefax) and weather (39794)
1.30 Neighbours (Ceefax) (s) (69027775) **1.50 Going for Gold.** Henry Kelly with another round of the European quiz (s) (69021591)
2.15 FILM: Columbo: Old-Fashioned Murder The shabby detective investigates when a woman plans murder to stop her brother closing a family museum. Starring Peter Falk (Ceefax) (5283423)
3.30 Popeye Triple-Bill (9021336) **3.50 Noddy** (s) (3249404) **4.00 Marlene Marlowe Investigates** (r) (s) (4521171) **4.20 Watt on Earth.** Children's sci-fi adventure (r) (s) (8228713) **4.35 The Addams Family.** Cartoon (r) (Ceefax) (6584626)
5.00 Newsround (1164571) **5.10 The Lowdown.** Children's documentary about an exchange trip by teenagers from Rotherham to their twin town, Gorlovka, in Ukraine. Both towns share a coal-mining background. (Ceefax) (s) (1321404)
5.35 Neighbours (r). (Ceefax) (s) (132828)
6.00 Six O'Clock News (Ceefax) and weather (249)
6.30 Regional News Magazines (201)
7.00 The Brittas Empire. Comedy starring Chris Barrie (r) (Ceefax) (s) (1249)
7.30 EastEnders. (Ceefax) (s) (713)
8.00 How Do They Do That? Last in the present series behind the scenes with Desmond Lynam and Jenny Hull. (Ceefax) (s) (160171)
8.45 Points of View presented by Anne Robinson. (Ceefax) (s) (691249)
9.00 Nine O'Clock News (Ceefax), regional news and weather (2572)
9.30 Keeping Up Appearances. Hyacinth is looking forward to a visit to the local stately home. Comedy starring Patricia Routledge (r). (Ceefax) (s) (53602)
10.00 The Riff-Raff Element. Part two of the six-part class war comedy by Debbie Horsfield (Ceefax) (s) (342775)
10.55 [redacted] **Omnibus: Sir John Betjeman.** (Ceefax) (s) (681201)



Peter Finch and John Fraser (11.50pm)

11.50 FILM: The Trials of Oscar Wilde (1960). Peter Finch stars as Wilde in a reconstruction of the libel *action against the Marquess of Queensberry which* led to his downfall. Directed by Ken Hughes (s) (546775) **1.50am Weather** (7052176). Ends at 1.55
2.45-3.45 BBC Select: Executive Business Club (67737) **3.15 Legal Network Television** (57350)

BBC2

6.20 Open University (65081713)
8.00 Breakfast News (Ceefax) (4848591)
8.15 Westminster Daily (2142862)
9.00 Animal Heroes. Animated true-life tales of animal *heroism (r) (5833978)*
9.05 Daytime on Two. Educational programmes. Plus, for children, **1.20** Philbert the Frog (s) (38656355) **1.25-1.45** Postman Pat (89799572)
2.00 News (Ceefax) and weather followed by **You and Me** (r) (14554626) **2.15 See Hear!** Magazine series for people with impaired hearing (signed and subtitled) (s) (884065)
2.45 World Snooker. Action from the quarter-finals of the world championship at the Crucible, Sheffield (s) (1151959)
3.00 News (Ceefax) and weather followed by **Westminster Live** (1898268) **3.50 News** (Ceefax), regional news and weather (3247046)
4.00 World Snooker. More from the Crucible (s) (1626)
6.00 FILM: We're No Angels (1955) Humphrey Bogart stars in this comedy about three convicts who escape from Devil's Island in 1895 and take over a French family's shop and then help them out of various predicaments. With Peter Ustinov and Aldo Ray. Directed by Michael Curtiz (Ceefax) (89931591)
7.45 Assignment: Petra and the General. *Isobel Hilton* traces the rise, fall and violent death of Petra Kelly, an influential European political figure and founder of the Green Party. Her body was found with *that of* her lover, a former German army general, in a house three weeks after they died. German police concluded that the general had shot her and then himself. (Ceefax) (914794)
8.30 Home Front. More about home furnishing and decorating from Caroline Quentin (7046)
9.00 World Snooker from Sheffield (883171)



Coal miners face redundancy (9.50pm)

9.50 [redacted] **Coal: Blackmail.** (Ceefax) (731510)
10.30 Newsnight. (Ceefax) (968997)
11.15 World Snooker Quarter-final highlights from the Crucible, Sheffield (s) (476826)
11.55 Weather (273336)
12.00 Engineering Materials: Hidden Power (4116195)
12.25am Computer-Aided Design. Analysis (5721404). Ends at 1.30

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Profile of poet Sir John Betjeman (BBC1, 10.55pm)

Omnibus: Sir John Betjeman
BBC1, 10.55pm

Betjemania is breaking out on BBC Television. Ten years after the Poet Laureate's death a short season is to feature a new programme of music, drama and dance with Nigel Hawthrope and a rerun of the 1983 *Time With Betjeman* series. Meanwhile an *Omnibus* profile contains tributes from Barry Humphries, Lady Wilson, Malcolm Bradbury and Betjeman's daughter, Candida Lycett-Green. Humphries is perceptive on *the melancholic strain in Betjeman's verse and his* deceptively effortless skill as a television performer. As Humphries says: "He made the difficult look easy, *whereas so many people make the easy look difficult*".

Coal: Blackmail
BBC2, 9.50pm

A six-part series on Britain's disappearing coal industry comes from Charles Stewart and Malcolm Hirst, the team responsible for the eye-opening *Town Hall.* Based in the Midlands, their story is one of mine closures, redundancies and the search for alternative work. The pattern is similar in each case. British Coal tells miners they must agree to close a pit or lose their redundancy money. Their leader, Neil Greatrex, calls it blackmail. The sad inevitability of the outcome tends to reduce the sense of drama but there are telling images, such as that of the former miner at the ironing board as his wife comes in from work.

Network First: Mandela — from Prison to President
ITV, 10.40pm

A profile of Nelson Mandela praises the toughness and vision of the man set to lead democratic South Africa while not trying to underestimate the task he faces. The irony suggested by the film is that he may find it easier to convince the whites that their quality of life will be sustained than to meet the expectations of millions of poor blacks for jobs, education and health care. The point is also made that the four years since Mandela's release have been the most violent period in South Africa's history. Glimpses of the private Mandela come from his estranged wife, Winnie, and daughter, Zinzi. Trying to reconcile his public and family lives has clearly been difficult.

Without Walls
Channel 4, 9.00pm

Queen Victoria returns to Earth in the guise of Miriam Margolyes and finds the memorial to her beloved Albert surrounded in scaffolding and tarpaulin. Appalled by the neglect, she demands an explanation. But it emerges that Jack Emery's film is using the memorial to broach the state of the monarchy itself. To get herself up to date, Queen Vic's ghost holds audiences with the likes of Lord St John of Fawsley, Lady Longford and Dennis Skinner. Their views are well known *but at least the context is novel. Also on Without Walls,* Fay Weldon argues, somewhat cynically, that because of the work it generates for solicitors, doctors, therapists and others, divorce is one of the good ideas of the 20th century. **Peter Waymark**

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6.00 GMTV (5023201)
9.25 Cross Wits. Tom O'Connor hosts the crossword quiz show (2410862) **9.55 London Today** (Teletext) and weather (8353220)
10.00 The Time . . . The Place . . . Live studio discussion chaired by John Stapleton (s) (7138152)
10.35 This Morning. Magazine series (22594084) **12.20 London Today** (Teletext) and weather (3714688)
12.30 News (Teletext) and weather (7708268)
12.55 Emmerdale (r) (Teletext) (7783959) **1.25 Home and Away** (Teletext) (73751317)
1.55 It's a Vet's Life. The last in the series looks at a new wildlife hospital in Norfolk run by the RSPCA. (Teletext) (51451862)
2.25 A Country Practice (s) (66051510) **2.50 The Young Doctors** (4263065)
3.20 ITN News headlines. (Teletext) (3759626) **3.25 London Today** (Teletext) and weather (3758997)
3.30 Alphabet Castle (r) (s) (6208423) **3.40 Tots TV** (r) (s) (3245688) **3.50 Twinkle the Dream Being** (3234572) **4.00 Taz-Mania** (r) (s) (8200317) **4.15 Mike and Angelo** (s) (4502046) **4.40 Finders Keepers.** Slapstick game show (s) (5259881)
5.10 Home and Away (r). (Teletext) (1411881)
5.40 News (Teletext) and weather (300404)
6.00 London Tonight (Teletext) and weather (24713)
7.00 Emmerdale. (Teletext) (6317)
7.30 Inside Crime. A report on wildlife crime (881)
8.00 The Bill. A face from the past causes problems for Quinnan (Teletext) (5065)
8.30 The Day I Nearly Died: Piper Alpha. Survivors of the Piper Alpha disaster talk about coming to terms with their escape. (Teletext) (s) (4572)
9.00 Peak Practice. A patient is determined his Aids condition will remain a secret. Starring Kevin Whatley (Teletext) (s) (7133)
10.00 News at Ten (Teletext) and weather (67930)
10.30 London Tonight (425317)

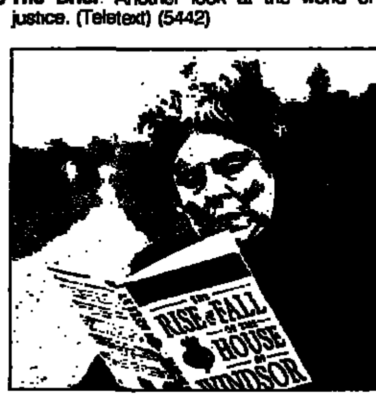


Nelson Mandela in election week (10.40pm)

10.40 [redacted] **Network First: Mandela – from Prison to President.** (Teletext) (325133)
11.40 Carlton Sport. Matthew Lorenzo introduces highlights from tonight's Endsleigh League programme including Luton Town's clash with Millwall (160688)
12.30am Prisoner Cell Block H (4857669)
1.20 The Beat. Music and movie magazine (s) (2968911)
2.20 FILM: Mr and Mrs North (1942, b/w). A married couple find a corpse in the closet on their return home and set out to solve the crime. With Gracie Allen. Directed by Robert B. Sinclair (3982114)
3.30 America's Top Ten (s) (93224)
4.00 The Little Picture Show (r) (68331)
5.00 Cinema, Cinema, Cinema (r) (43640)
5.30 News (Teletext) (33114). Ends at **6.00**

CHANNEL 4

6.35 Star Street (3976317)
7.00 The Big Breakfast (29317)
9.00 You Bet Your Life. Game show with Bill Cosby (r) (s) (84607)
9.30 Schools: *Eureka! Benin: An African Kingdom* (9431046) **9.45** Stop, Look and Listen: Creatures Around Us (9429201) **10.00** Equinox: Designing a Human-powered Aircraft (9620442) **10.54** Schools at Work (9275688) **11.00** Science in Focus: Materials (9433794) **11.22** Stage One: Making Things Move (7969978) **11.38** Film and Video Showcase (4353510) **11.50** Your World: Volcanoes (1505268)
12.00 House To House with Maya Even (97171)
12.30 Sesame Street. The guest is Cab Callaway (r) (44794) **1.30 Widget** (r) (13607)
2.00 FILM: The Last Tenant (1978) Drama about the effects on a middle-aged bachelor's forthcoming marriage plans when his family decides he must care for their ageing father who can no longer live alone. Starring Tony LoBianco, directed by Jud Taylor (916688)
3.40 Lord Of the Sky. Animation (r) (6286201)
3.55 Crawshaw Paints On Holiday Alwyn Crawshaw in Majorca (r) (4152152)
4.30 Fifteen To One. Knock-out general knowledge quiz presented by William G. Stewart (Teletext) (s) (7941)
5.00 The Oprah Winfrey Show Oprah meets a woman who risked her life to save Jews from the Nazi death camps by hiding them in her attic while entertaining Germans downstairs. Plus a man who saved the lives of three Jewish children meets them 50 years later (Teletext) (s) (6804881)
5.50 Deputy Dawg. Cartoon (852305)
6.00 Batman. (Teletext) (959)
6.30 Phenom American comedy. (Teletext) (s) (539)
7.00 Channel 4 News (Teletext) and weather (596171)
7.50 Comment. (Teletext) (743881)
8.00 Very Jean Muir. Last in the series about the fashion designer (r) (Teletext) (s) (3607)
8.30 The Brief. Another look at the world of British justice. (Teletext) (5442)



Miriam Margolyes as Queen Victoria (9.00pm)

9.00 [redacted] **Without Walls: A Curse on the House of Windsor?** (145423) **9.45 Good Ideas of the 20th Century: Divorce** (294626)
10.00 FILM: A World Apart (1987). The story of South African apartheid seen through the eyes of a young girl whose father is forced into hiding and whose mother is arrested and imprisoned for opposition to the government. With Jodhi May. Directed by Chris Menges (Teletext) (s) (9862)
12.00 The Rejects' Club. Animation (r) (30027)
12.30am Lonesome Pine Specials. Bela Fleck in performance on the five-string banjo (r) (6024447) Ends at **1.40**

RADIO 1

FM Stereo and MW. **4.00am** Bruno Brookes (FM only) **7.00** Steve Wright **9.00** Simon Mayo **12.00** Lynn Parsons **2.00pm** Mark Goodier **4.00** Nicky Campbell with Drivetime **7.00** Evening Session **8.30** South Africa Election Special **9.00** The Story of Pop **10.00** Mark Radcliffe **12.00-4.00am** The Night-Time Show (FM only)

RADIO 2

FM Stereo. **6.00am** Sarah Kennedy **6.15** Pause for Thought **7.30** Wake Up to Wogan **9.15** Pause for Thought **9.30** *Ken Bruce* **11.30** *Debbie Thrower* **2.00pm** Gloria Hunniford **3.30** Ed Stewart **5.05** John Dunn **7.00** Dr Who **7.30** Hayes Over Britain **9.00** Spring **10.00** Katie and Friends **10.30** The Jamesons **12.05am** Steve Madden with Night Ride **3.00-6.00** Alex Lester

RADIO 5 LIVE

5.00am Morning Reports **6.00** The Breakfast Programme **8.35** The Magazine **12.00** Midday with Mair **2.05pm** Ruscoe on Five **4.00** John Inverdale **7.00** News **7.35** Football Plus **10.00** News Talk **11.00** Night Extra **12.00** After Hours **2.00am** Up All Night

WORLD SERVICE

All times in BST. **4.30am** BBC English **4.45** Fruhmagazin **5.00** Newshour **6.00** News in German **6.03** Morgenmagazin **6.27** News in German **6.30** Europe Today **7.00** World News **7.10** British News **7.15** The World today **7.30** Showtime for Shakespeare **8.00** World *News **8.15** Off the Shelf: The House of* the Spirits **8.30** New Ideas **8.50** Shakespeare's Sonnets **9.00** News **9.10** Words of Faith **9.15** Concert Hall **10.00** News **10.05** World Business **10.15** Writing Time **10.30** On Screen **10.45** Sport **11.00** News **11.01** Discovery **11.30** BBC English **11.45** Mittagsmagazin **Noon** Newsdesk **12.30pm** Megamix **1.00** News **1.10** Words of Faith **1.15** Multitrack 1 **1.45** Sports Roundup **2.00** News **3.05** Outlook **3.30** Off the Shelf **3.45** Mastersingers **4.00** News **4.15** BBC English **4.30** News in German **4.35** Heute Aktuell **5.00** News **5.15** BBC English **6.00** News **6.05** Business Report **6.15** The World Today **6.30** News and Features in German **8.00** News **8.05** Outlook **8.30** Europe Today **9.00** News **9.10** Words of Faith **9.15** The World Today **9.30** Meridian **10.00** News **11.05** World Business **11.15** Megamix **11.45** Sport **Midnight** Newsdesk **12.30am** Omnibus **1.00** News **1.15** Concert Hall **2.00** News **2.05** Outlook **2.30** Playing a Part **2.45** Country Style **3.00** Newsdesk **3.30** Andy *Kershaw* **4.00** Newsdesk

CLASSIC FM

6.00am Nick Bailey **9.00** Henry Kelly **12.00** Susannah Simons **2.00pm** Lunchtime Concerto: See Choice **3.0** Petroc Trelawny **6.00** Sarah Ward **7.00** The Opera Guide **8.00** Evening Concert: Vaughan Williams (Overture, The Wasps); Holst (A Winter Idyll); Delius (In a Summer Garden); Elgar (Violin Concerto); Bridge (Suite for strings) **10.00** Robert Booth **1.00-6.00am** André Leon

VIRGIN 1215

6.00am Russ and Jono **10.00** Richard Skinner **1.00pm** Graham Dene **4.00** Wendy Lloyd **7.00** N.J. Williams **10.00** Nick Abbot **2.00-6.00am** Paul Coyle

ANGLIA

As London except: 9.55am-10.00 Anglia News and Weather (8353220) **12.20pm-12.30** Anglia News and Weather (3714688) **1.55** A Country Practice (69015930) **2.50-3.20** Blockbusters (4263065) **3.25-3.30** Anglia Weather and Anglia News (3758997) **5.10-5.40** Shortland Street (1411881) **6.00** Home and Away (314713) **6.25-7.00** Anglia Weather followed by Anglia News (720881) **7.30-8.00** Anglia at War (881) **10.30-10.40** Anglia News (425317) **11.40** Prisoner Cell Block H (550152) **12.40am** The Only Way Out is Dead (115244) **2.20** The Little Picture Show (1075060) **3.15** ITV Chart Show (7404973) **4.10** Jobfinder (3227824) **5.00-5.30** Videofashion (43640)

CENTRAL

As London except: 1.55 A Country Practice (69015930) **2.50-3.20** Blockbusters (4263065) **3.25-3.30** Central News (3758997) **5.10-5.40** Shortland Street (1411881) **6.00** Home and Away (314713) **6.25-7.00** Central News and Weather (720881) **7.30-8.00** Heart of the Country (881) **10.30-10.40** Central News and Weather (425317) **11.40** The Equalizer (550152) **12.40am** The Powers That Be (5893737) **1.10** Cinema, Cinema, Cinema (2854824) **1.40** The Big E (7840534) **2.30** Riviera (10992) **3.00** The Beat (7415718) **3.55** Night Shift (30610805) **4.05** Jobfinder (8409468) **5.20-5.30** Asian Eye (6085089)

VARIATIONS

HTV WEST

As London except: 1.55 Runway (69015930) **2.50-3.20** Dogs with Dunbar (4263065) **5.10-5.40** A Country Practice (1411881) **5.55** Home and Away (237292) **6.25-7.00** HTV News (720881) **7.30-8.00** The Weekly Eco (881) **11.40** Prisoner Cell Block H (550152) **12.40am** The Only Way Out is Dead (115244) **2.20** The Little Picture Show (1075060) **3.15** ITV Chart Show (7404973) **4.10** Jobfinder (3227824) **5.00-5.30** Videofashion (43640)

HTV WALES

As HTV WEST except: 6.25-7.00 Wales *Tonight* (720881) *7.30-8.00 Grass Roots* (881) **10.30-10.40** HTV News and Weather (425317)

MERIDIAN

As London except: 1.55 Country Practice (69015930) **2.50-3.20** Shortland Street (4263065) **6.00** Meridian Tonight (317) **6.30-7.00** Doing It Up (997) **7.30-8.00** The Road to D-Day (881) **11.40-12.30pm** Midweek Sport (160688) **5.00am-5.30** Freescreen (43640)

TYNE TEES

As London except: 1.55-3.25 A Country Practice (69015930) **5.55** Tyne Tees Today (753084) **6.30-7.00** Talkabout (997) **7.30-8.00** Lives In Focus (881) **10.30-10.40** Tyne Tees News and Weather (425317) **11.40** The Car (155572) **1.25am** The Little Picture Show (2967282) **2.25** The Twilight Zone (2993624) **3.00** Sport AM (58466) **4.00** The Forum Presents (9164282) **5.05-5.30** Jobfinder (6001350)

WESTCOUNTRY

As London except: 9.55-10.00 Westcountry News (8353220) **12.20pm-12.30** Westcountry News (3714688) **1.55** The Young Doctors (51451862) **2.25-2.55** It's a Vet's Life (66042862) **3.25-3.30** Westcountry News (3758997) **6.00-7.00** *Westcountry Live* (24713) **7.30-8.00** The Road to D-Day (881) **10.30-10.40** Westcountry News (425317) **11.40** Prisoner Cell Block H (550152) **12.40am** The Only Way Out is Dead (115244) **2.20** The Little Picture Show (1075060) **3.15** ITV Chart Show (7404973) **4.10** Jobfinder (3227824) **5.00-5.30** Videofashion (43640)

YORKSHIRE

As London except: 9.55-10.00 Calendar News and Weather (8353220) **12.20pm-12.30** Yorkshire: Calendar News and Weather / Bilsdale: Network North (3714688) **1.55** A Country Practice (69015930) **3.25-3.30** Yorkshire: Calendar News / Bilsdale: Network North (3758997) **5.55** Calendar / Network North (753084) **6.30-7.00** Talkabout (997) **7.30-8.00** Married with Children (881) **10.30-10.40** Calendar News (425317) **11.40** The Car (155572) **1.25am** The Little Picture Show (2967282) **2.25** The Twilight Zone (2993624) **3.00** Sport AM (58466) **4.00** The Forum Presents (9164282) **5.05-5.30** Jobfinder (6001350)

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Starts: 7.00 The Big Breakfast (29317) **9.00** You Bet Your Life (84607) **9.30** Ysgolion/schools (784355) **12.00pm** House To House (97171) **12.30** Slot Meithrin (14336) **1.00** Very Jean Muir (22404) **1.30** The Garden Club (13607) **2.00** The Late Late Show (94133) **3.00** Oprah Winfrey Show (1883336) **3.50** Deputy Dawg (3265442) **4.00** *Slot 23 (6977997)* **4.05** *Troi A Throi* (6950220) **4.15** Manawydan (4519336) **4.35** Cracabent (6577336) **5.00** Happy Days (7423) **5.30** Fifteen To One (686) **6.00** Newyddion (401713) **6.20** Cwlwm Serch (370404) **6.25** Heno (728423) **7.00** Pobol Y Cwm (4959) **7.30** Gwobrau Ffasiwn Cymru 1994 Bydd Gwobrau Ffasiwn Cymru 1994 yn do (423) **8.00** Mbs O Diwn (3607) **8.30** Newyddion (5442) **9.00** The Best Of Rory Bremner - Who Else? (8510) **9.30** Travelog in France (94572) **10.00** The Golden Girls (65572) **10.30** Dim Tafod (21510) **11.30** Snwcer Pencampwriaeth Y Byd 1994 (99686) **12.00am** Don't Forget Your Toothbrush (32534) **1.00** Africa Express (81398)

RADIO 3

6.30am Open University: Professor Sir Ernst Gombrich on Art History **6.55** Weather
7.00 On Air: Including Vivaldi (Concerto in C, RV117); **7.32** Dvořák (Romance in F minor); **8.32** Strauss (Ruckkehr in die Heimat, Op 71 No 2)
9.00 Composer of the Week: Messiaen. With Antony Pitts
10.05 Musical Encounters: Moncayo (Huapango); Mozart (Piano Concerto No 27 in B flat, K595); Purcell (Trio Sonata No 1 in B minor); Amy Beach (Variations on a Balkan Theme); Sibelius (The Oceanides, Op 73)
12.00 Music Restored (r)
1.00pm BBC Festival of Brass: Sun Life Band under Roy Newsome and Bryan Hurdley
2.00 Schools: First Steps in Drama; **2.15** Letterbox; **2.25** Time to Move; **2.45** Le Club
3.00 The BBC Orchestras: BBC Scottish Symphony Orchestra under Fedor Glushchenko, with Jennifer Smith, soprano
4.25 Cello and Piano (r)
5.00 The Music Machine
5.15 In Tune: Including Marcello (Oboe Concerto in D minor); **6.10** Brahms (Cello Sonata No 2 in F, Op 99); Berg (Piano Sonata, Op 1)
7.30 City of Birmingham SO: Simon Rattle conducts Rameau (Dances, Les Boréades); Debussy (La mer); Haydn (Symphony No 96 in D); Bartók (Suite, The Miraculous Mandarin)
9.40 Godslots: A series of ironic reflections by Graeme Fife for the Orthodox Holy Week. Sea *Changes* is performed by Anna Massey as Nemesis
9.50 Songs for the Virgin: BBC *Singers under David Angus*
10.45 Night Waves: The paintings of Jacopo Tintoretto
11.30 The BBC Orchestras: BBC Philharmonic under Downes performs works by Respighi
1.00-2.25am Night School
2.30-3.10 Night School Extra

RADIO 4

5.55am Shipping **6.00** News **6.10** Farming **6.25** Prayer for the Day **6.30** Today, incl **6.30, 7.00, 7.30, 8.00, 8.30** News **6.55, 7.55** Weather **7.45** Thought for the Day **8.40** Yesterday in Parliament **8.58** Weather
9.00 News; Call Debbie Thrower
10.00-10.30 News; Visiting Angel: Mary Stewart reaches her destination in Ecuador
10.00 Daily Service (LW only)
10.15 The Bible (LW only): The Letter to the Hebrews (r)
10.30 Woman's Hour: Jenni Murray talks to the novelist Janice Galloway. Incl **11.00 News**
11.30 All in the Mind
12.00 News; You and Yours
12.25pm Quote Unquote, with Nigel Rees **12.55** Weather
1.00 The World at One
1.40 The Archers (r) **1.55** Shipping
2.00 News; Thirty Minute Theatre: The Bliss Business. A comedy by Frances McNeil
2.30 Comparing Notes: Richard Baker talks to conductor Lygia O'Riordan and leader Pia Siirala of Ensemble XXI
3.00 News; Anderson Country
4.00 News; Kaleidoscope at 21: Michael Palin reviews his career **4.45 Short Story:** Proceedings, by Chris Barlas
5.00 PM 5.50 Shipping Forecast
6.00 Six O'Clock News
6.30 No Commitments (r)
7.00 News 7.05 The Archers
7.20 Crimes of Our Times: The world of deception and detection
8.00 Science Now (r)
8.30 Cult Classics: See Choice (r)
9.00 In Touch: The magazine for people with a visual handicap
9.30 Kaleidoscope at 21 (r)
10.00 The World Tonight
10.45 Book at Bedtime: The Devil's Own Work, by Alan Judd
11.00 Medikenwave (r)
11.30 Four Corners (FM only) (r)
11.30 Today in Parliament (LW)
12.00-12.43am News, incl **12.27** Weather **12.33** Shipping

Cult Classics: Moving Mountains. *Radio 4, 8.30pm.*
Feminism and the implications of the green movement are the last two topics Mick Brown tackles in his series about postwar books that have helped to shape the consciousness of our time. The sexual liberation of women brings Erica Jong, Doris Lessing and Marilyn French on to the scene, in person and in their writing. The ecological lobby is strongly represented by Andrew Harvey, Lyall Watson and Fritjof Capra. This final episode clearly explains why these books — bestsellers from the word go — have been given a new lease of life by the accretion of cult status.

Lunchtime Concerto. *Classic FM, 2.00pm.*
Not only a work of genius, but thoroughly enjoyable too. The eminent critic W.A. Chislett was not alone in praising Beethoven's Piano Concerto No 2 which Vladimir Ashkenazy and the Vienna Philharmonic Orchestra under Zubin Mehta play this afternoon. But right from the start, the work has had to struggle to tear off the label bearing the words "Very Mozartian". You will hear it, still flapping about, in the merry finale. **Peter Davalle**



LUNCHTIME CONCERTO 2PM.
BEETHOVEN PIANO CONCERTO NO.2 IN B6 MAJOR
CLASSIC fM 100-102

SATELLITE

SKY ONE

6.00am DJ Kat (69662510) **8.45** Cartoons (8246572) **9.30** Card Sharks (38930) **9.55** Concentration (42794) **10.25** Dynamo Duck (2758336) **10.30** Urban Peasant (21571) **11.00** Sally Jessy Raphael (77978) **12.00** Paradise Beach (22881) **12.30pm** E Street (49046) **1.00** Barnaby Jones (37201) **2.00** A Man Called Intrepid (43423) **3.00** Another World (8904355) **3.50** DJ Kat (9700794) **5.00** Star Trek (4978) **6.00** Paradise Beach (3591) **6.30** E Street (7171) **7.00** Blockbusters (5807) **7.30** M*A*S*H (3355) **8.00** Vietnam (83404) **10.00** Star Trek (67369) **11.00** The Late Show with David Letterman (81171) **12.00** The Outer Limits (83282) **1.00-2.00am** Hill Street Blues (35737)

SKY NEWS

6.00am Sunrise (77539) **9.30** ABC Nightline (36572) **10.30** Beyond 2000 (31317) **11.30** Japan Business Today (63152) **1.30pm** CBS News (36862) **2.30** Parliament (31607) **4.30** News and Business (4828) **7.30** Target (82686) **9.30** Talkback (12249) **11.30** CBS News (39220) **12.30am** ABC News (37195) **1.30** Target (82447) **2.30** Beyond 2000 (52843) **3.30** Talkback (24060) **4.30** Target (19260) **5.30-6.00** CBS News (66466)

SKY MOVIES

6.00am Showcase (5723846)
10.00 Christmas in Connecticut (1992): Dyan Cannon invents a family to impress a national hero, Kris Kristofferson (43862)
12.00 The Long Ships (1964): Viking adventure with Richard Widmark (31157423)
2.10pm Against a Crooked Sky (1975): A boy sets out to rescue his sister (287688)
4.00 The Pistol (1990): A 1950s basketball player clashes with his coach's son (2510)
6.00 Christmas in Connecticut (as 10am) (67305)
8.00 Article 99 (1992): Doctors in an American hospital for war veterans rebel against red tape. With Ray Liotta (78572)
10.00 Nico (1988): Steven Seagal uses his combat skills to fight a drugs ring (508355)
11.40 No Retreat, No Surrender 3: Blood Brothers (1989): Two brothers team up to hunt for their father's killer (102292)
1.20am Party Favors (1990): Strippers turn to pizza delivery (4207553)
2.45 Bruce the Superhero (1984): Bruce Le avenges his father's murder (472669)
4.15-6.00 The Pistol (as 4pm) (539263)

SKY MOVIES GOLD

6.00pm Topkapi (1964): Thieves attempt to raid a museum in Istanbul (75423)
8.00 The World According to Garp (1982): Robin Williams stars in this adaptation of John Irving's comic novel. With Glenn Close and John Lithgow (82002419)
10.15 Altered States (1980): A scientist (William Hurt) is turned into a monster while experimenting with sensory deprivation (781626). Ends at **11.55**

THE MOVIE CHANNEL

6.00am Little Norse Prince Valiant: Scandinavian children's tale (25387)
8.00 The Treasure (1990): Two boys race villains to buried treasure (34694959)
9.45 A League of Their Own (1992): Tom Hanks coaches a women's baseball team. With Geena Davis and Madonna (98159152)
12.00 The Master of Ballantrae (1953): Errol Flynn, helps Bonnie Prince Charlie's 1745 rebellion (55268)
2.00pm The Seven Little Foys (1955): The story of vaudeville star Eddie Foy (84133)
4.00 The Treasure (as 8am) (9132)
6.00 Stompin' at the Savoy (1992): Four black women escape their mundane lives in 1939 with weekly visits to a ballroom (67387)
8.00 A League of Their Own (as 9.45am) (20253317)
10.10 Bugsy (1991): Warren Beatty as the gangster who created Las Vegas (86437404)
12.25am Stephen King's Sometimes They Come Back (1991): Tim Matheson confronts his sinister past (765992)
2.10 The Fatal Image (1990): A mother and daughter run from a killer in Paris (871195)
3.45 Dollman (1991): A pint-sized alien crashlands on Earth (220843). Ends at **5.05**

SKY SPORTS

7.00am Prime Bodies (25539) **7.30** Soccer (9902336) **7.45** WWF Superstars (2854336) **8.30** Basketball (11862) **9.00** Prime Bodies *(35442)* **9.30** *Snowboarding (61355)* **10.00** World Sports (88510) **10.30** Nascar (58959) **12.30pm** Football: Manchester United v Manchester City (64510) **2.30** ATP Tennis (84713) **4.30** Rugby League (45201) **5.30** Trucks and Tractors (7336) **6.00** Soccer (183930) **6.15** WWF Challenge (886046) **7.00** Baseball (9065) **7.30** Basketball (48862) **9.30** Golf Tips (52607) **10.00** Soccer (600423) **10.15** The Football Show (459713) **11.15-1.15am** Basketball (846607)

EUROSPORT

7.30am Step Aerobics (22442) **8.00** Gymnastics (70591) **10.00** Marathon (28626) **11.00** Football (40602) **12.00** Speedworld (46046) **1.00pm** Eurofun (19978) **1.30** Ice Hockey (55201) **3.00** Ice Hockey (650626) **5.30** Football (53794) **6.30** News (3997) **7.00** Ice Hockey (183628) **10.00** Motors (31065) **11.00** Snooker (29355) **12.00-12.30am** Eurosport News (89331)

UK GOLD

7.00am The Sullivans (1206886) **7.30** Neighbours (4548133) **8.00** Sons and Daughters (4558152) **8.30** EastEnders (6841910) **9.00** The Bill (2754626) **9.30** *Jemima* Shore (8277249) **10.30** Wings (9684423) **11.30** The Sullivans (3197978) **12.00** Sons and Daughters (2734862) **12.30pm** Neighbours (3337046) **1.00** EastEnders (1205959) **1.30** The Bill (3338317) **2.00** Shelley (4822249) **2.30** Brush Strokes (3190684) **3.00** Knots Landing (3191794) **4.00** Dynasty (2036797) **5.00** Every Second Counts (8090607) **5.40** The Goodies (8620539) **5.55** Sykes (2861442) **6.30** EastEnders (4740823) **7.00** Adrian Mole (4826065) **7.30** Brush Strokes (8340387) **8.00** Shelley (4836713) **8.30** PC Penrose (8855084) **9.00** Callan (8321572) **10.00** The Bill (2735591) **10.30** Carrott's Lib (2751539) **11.10** Kenny Everett (8318065) **11.50** Dr Who (7620201) **12.20am** FILM: Woman of the Year (1942, b/w): Starring Katharine Hepburn and Spencer Tracey (8176669) **2.20** Shopping (29795466)

THE CHILDREN'S CHANNEL

6.00am RatKan II (75607) **6.30** Babar (71317) **7.00** Paddy (8332681) **7.15** Tic Tac Toons (253171) **7.45** Beverly Hills Teens (3447210) **8.10** Head to Head (5831336) **8.15** You Can't Do That on Television (599510) **8.45** Pastagums (7793997) **9.00** Droibee Time (34355) **10.00** Nellie the *Elephant (87189)* **11.00** RatKan II (24201) **11.30** Babar (25930) **12.00** Paddy (5484510) **12.15pm** Tic Tac Toons (875442) **12.45** Beverly Hills Teens (8346084) **1.10** Head to Head (29987355) **1.15** You Can't Do That on Television (871626) **1.45** Pastagums (84030133) **2.00** Barney and Friends (7249) **2.30** Binky Bill (8220) **3.00** RatKan II (9084) **3.30** Casper and Friends (6026404) **3.55** Head to Head (3578881) **4.00** Beakman's World (9572) **4.30** Saved by the Bell (8084)

DISCOVERY

4.00pm Global Family (7890846) **4.30** Held in Trust (5085210) **5.00** The Passion of Spain (8809881) **5.50** Sports of the World (8617065) **6.05** Beyond 2000 (1494591) **7.00** Life in the Wild (4824607) **7.30** The Beerhunter (9870299) **8.00** The Astronomers (4833355) **8.30** Arthur C. Clarke's World of Strange Powers (4812862) **9.00** Wings of the Luftwaffe (9437626) **10.00** Endangered World (9430713) **11.00** World of Adventures (3179572) **11.30** Wild Sanctuaries (6284404)

BRAVO

12.00 FILM: City Under the Sea (1965): Ocean ruler Vincent Price kidnaps a girl from the shore (2926187) **1.30pm** The David Niven Show (3354713) **2.00** FILM: That's *Your Funeral (1972): Comedy about a gang* of drug smugglers who hide their stash in coffins (4299201) **3.30** Undertow (6340107) **4.00** The Mothers-in-Law (7895292) **4.30** My Three Sons (1495258) **5.00** The Beverly Hillbillies (4831997) **5.30** Hogan's Heroes (7790848) **6.00** The Invisible Man (4445571) **6.30** Torchy (6445751) **7.00** The Partridge Family (9435268) **8.00** The Avengers (9411688) **9.00** FILM: The Breaking of Bumbo (1970): A soldier falls for a pacifist (Joanna Lumley) (53712268) **10.45** Art Linkletter (1314591) **11.00** Mary Hartman, Mary Hartman (3106626) **11.30-12.00** The Donny and Marie Show (6271930)

UK LIVING

7.00am Living (3574576) **8.00** Your Child (8795959) **8.30** Bazaar (8787930) **9.00** Dr Ruth (8701510) **9.30** Days of Our Lives (1946688) **10.30** The Young and the Restless (9246249) **11.30** Floyd's American Pie (4396959) **12.00** Stars and Signs (84427997) **12.15pm** Practical Living (56443775) **12.30** Housecalls (7339572) **1.00** Homewise (2491978) **1.30** Crosswits (7361171) **2.00** Agony Hour (4196171) **3.00** Living (3394510) **3.45** Gladrags and Glamour (64068539) **4.00** Definition (2243152) **4.30** Infatuation (2249336) **5.00** Musiquest (2871881) **5.30** Practical Living (5730715) **5.45** Kilroy (8280404) **6.30** Delia Smith (2244881) **7.00** Material World (3868317) **7.30** That's Amore (2240065) **8.00** The Young and the Restless (4843997) **9.00** FILM: The Haunting (1963, b/w): A professor and his pupils are trapped in a haunted house. With Julie Harris, Claire Bloom (4846084) **11.00** Cagney and Lacey (4312539) **12.00** Agony Hour (8896224)

FAMILY CHANNEL

5.00pm The Wonder Years (1201) **5.30** The Black Stallion (9336) **6.00** Trivial Pursuit (6249) **6.30** Catchphrase (3571) **7.00** All Clued Up (1065) **7.30** The Pyramid Game (9713) **8.00** National Geographic Explorer (89626) **9.00** Cats Eyes (69862) **10.00** Trivial Pursuit (67065) **10.30** Tales of the Unexpected (76713) **11.00** Lou Grant (37648) **12.00-1.00am** Remington Steele (45060)

TNT

Theme. Gentleman Prefer Anita Loos
7.00pm They Met in Bombay (1941, b/w). Jewel thieves on the run in India fall in love. Starring Clark Gable, Rosalind Russell and Peter Lorre (40092930)
8.45 The Women (1939, b/w): Witty social comedy co-written by Anita Loos (36608220)
11.10 Blossoms in the Dust (1941): A woman sets up an orphanage after the death of her husband and child (43880881)
1.00am I Married an Angel (1942, b/w). Musical fantasy about an angel who lures a playboy away from his earthly girlfriends. With Jeanette MacDonald (33147843)
2.40 Biography (of a Bachelor Girl) (1935, b/w): A portrait painter shocks society by revealing her love life in an autobiography. With Ann Harding (47049718). Ends at **5.05**

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Seles to sue over stabbing

Defiant Graf unruffled by death threats

BY JOHN GOODBODY

STEFFI Graf will today defy a death threat and take part in the Hamburg Open tennis tournament. At the same event last year, Monica Seles, then the leading player in the world, was stabbed in the back by an obsessed admirer of Graf.

Agents for Seles announced yesterday that the former world No 1 would sue the Hamburg organisers for failing to protect her and for lost earnings. The German authorities have already tightened security arrangements to try to prevent any repetition of that attack, from which Seles has still not recovered psychologically. She has not played competitively since the assault.

In Hamburg this week, all the players will be accompanied by two bodyguards when they walk from the dressing-rooms to the court. The bodyguards will stand near the players' seats with their backs to court watching the crowd during change-overs. There will also be undercover security men watching the crowd.

Graf, the favourite for this tournament and every other one since Seles withdrew, was last year bothered at Wimbledon by a German supporter, who had a long history of following her and was described by German police as "mentally disturbed." A handwritten letter sent yesterday to a local Hamburg newspaper said: "If Steffi plays at Hamburg, there will be another attack. However, this time it will be the slimy Graf who will be the target. And we are not playing with kitchen knives." It was signed by "friends of Seles and opponents of Graf".

On April 30 last year, Günter Parche took a kitchen knife into the Hamburg clay court complex in a plastic bag and stabbed Seles while she was sitting on a chair during a changeover between games. Seles said recently: "The only right time for me to play again is when I can see myself and think only this: 'Gosh I am happy again: this is fun'."

Graf, who had a routine training session yesterday, said she was not worried by the threat and had received similar letters in the past. She said: "Of course, there are copycats who do this kind of thing to get in the newspapers. I am not afraid at all and I am not taking it seriously. It is the price of being in the public eye."

Graf added that she did not think that security needed to be tighter. "Being close to the spectators is part of it all," she said. "That should not be ruined. It is better to come here and show that I am not worried about any attack against me."

Tournament organisers said they could not be certain that a similar attack would not happen again. Günter Sanders, the director, said: "If someone wants to shoot, then you cannot stop that."

Graf is the second German player to have been threatened recently. Police disclosed last week that an extortionist had said he would kill Boris Becker, three-times Wimbledon champion, his wife and baby son, his manager and his manager's family unless he received money. The extortionist never specified his demands and has not made any new threats.

Becker pulled out of the Monte Carlo tournament last week with a wrist injury and this week is playing only in the doubles in the BMW Open in Munich.

An official of the International Management Group (IMG), which represents Seles, said yesterday in Cleveland, Ohio, that legal action against the Hamburg tournament was pending. Most important tennis tournaments in the world, including the present one in Hamburg, have an insurance policy against incidents like these occurring.

In Britain, tournaments like Eastbourne and Brighton have a public liability insurance. George Hendon, the tournament director, said: "In 1993, as a result of what happened in Hamburg, we doubled our insurance cover. We also follow the guidelines issued by the Women's Tennis Council, which has consulted Control Risks, a United Kingdom security company."

However, at two grand slam events, Wimbledon and the United States Open championships, players sign on their forms, as a condition of entry, a waiver of any claims against the tournament "sustained in travelling to or from or participating in the championships".



Graf leaves stadium with minder yesterday

White moves smoothly into last eight

BY PHIL YATES

JIMMY White moved another step closer to a fifth successive appearance in the final of the Embassy world snooker championship with a 13-10 second-round victory over Neal Foulds at the Crucible Theatre, Sheffield, yesterday.

White, the championship's perennial nearly-man, having lost in five finals here since 1984, possesses an extra incentive to finally capture the title this time — the natural desire to prove his critics wrong.

The doubters have grown in number as the season has progressed. It has been an eminently forgettable one for White, who has failed to reach a final. The United Kingdom championship of November 1992 marks White's last ranking event triumph.

However, as is abundantly clear from his record in the game's premier championship, White makes a habit of responding to the unique demands of The Crucible. He certainly did against Foulds, who offered stern resistance.

"The tension doesn't really leave you while you're still involved, even when you go out of the building and get back to your hotel, but I think I am coping," White said. "My concentration is bang on the button."

SECOND ROUND: Results: S Davis (Eng) bt S James (Eng) 13-3; J White (Eng) bt N Foulds (Eng) 13-10. Latest positions: B Morgan (Eng) level with J Wattana (Thai) 8-8; W Thorne (Eng) level with D Morgan (Wales) 8-8.

Throughout his career, White has been prone to the odd bad session. That tendency manifested itself on Sunday when White undid all his good work of the previous day. Going into the auditorium, he led 6-2; coming out, he was level at 8-8. Much better was expected of him yesterday and, in winning four of the concluding session's opening five frames to lead 12-9, White did indeed show considerable improvement.

After taking a nervy, disjointed seventeenth frame to regain the advantage at 9-8, a break of 83 made it 10-8 and a particularly well-worked 66 clearance from 49 points behind in the nineteenth took him to 11-8. Foulds captured the next but White went three up again with only a possible four to play.

White also led 49-6 in the following frame. In among the reds, he seemed poised to complete victory until he clumsily touched the pink with his left hand. Making the most of this reprieve, Foulds responded with a run of 54 and eventually recovered to 12-10 by potting a tricky blue.

History looked likely to repeat itself in the 23rd frame when White, this time 48-5 ahead, missed a straightforward red. Foulds replied with 37, but his hopes of prolonging the match were dashed by a missed long blue, leaving White to pot both blue and pink with the rest.

White will now tackle Ken Doherty. White leads Doherty 3-2 in career meetings but Doherty has prevailed the last twice they have played, including a 5-0 win in the last 16 of the Benson and Hedges Masters in February.

James Wattana, of Thailand, produced a widely-predicted fight-back against Brian Morgan. However, Wattana, who trailed 6-2 after the first session, would be the first to admit he was extremely fortunate on the way to levelling at 8-8.

Morgan's bad luck began in the first frame of the day. Set to clear up for 7-2, the former world junior champion tried to pot the pink at pace into a baulk pocket and screw back for the black.

The positional aspect of the shot could not have been judged with more accuracy, but, to Morgan's horror, the pink caught the leather at the back of the pocket and finished on the carpet. Wattana also lived a charmed life during the twelfth frame. In clearing the colours for 5-7, he fluked both green and pink.

Darren Morgan and Willie Thorne went into the concluding session of their second-round match last night all square at 8-8. To that point, the contest had been of the highest standard with Thorne finding his most effective form of what has been a miserable season.

Thorne, attempting to reach the quarter-finals here for the first time since 1986, led 8-6 before Morgan, who made a 100 break in the fifteenth frame, won the last two of the morning.

TREVOR SMITH



Thorne, in his best form of the season, stoops to consider his next shot during the match against Darren Morgan

Today in *The Times*: the list of the top 50 performers in our 1st XI cricket competition, based on the performances of the England cricketers on their recent tour of the West Indies. Find out who won a trip for four to Australia this winter on page 40.

Woodley heads for bowls' battle of the sexes

BY DAVID RHYS JONES

JAN Woodley's victory in the women's world indoor singles championship at Cumbernauld on Sunday brought the West of Scotland bowler an early and unexpected reward — a place in the equivalent men's event in 1995.

The decision to invite women — or at least a woman — to compete in the men's world championship, though welcomed by those who feel women have for too long played second fiddle to men, will surprise many. Indeed, when Martin Long, for the sponsors, Churchill Insurance, made the announcement at the post-championship banquet on Sunday night, there were gasps of disbelief.

Woodley, whose rise to fame has been positively meteoric, says she was stunned to win the title and even more surprised when she was invited to join the men: "There was absolutely no warning, but obviously I'm delighted and will accept the invitation," she said.

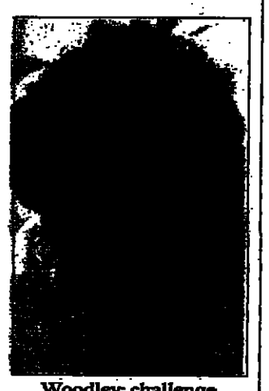
Overlooked by her national selectors, she dropped a heavy hint by winning the Scottish singles this winter, beat the former world champion, Mary Price, in Sunday's final and is now looking forward to challenging the men for the biggest prize in bowls.

Women have played against men before, but never in a mainstream championship. Margaret Johnston, the world outdoor champion from Ballymoney, reached the final of the Granada Superbowl in 1987 and was within one bowl of beating her fellow countryman, David Corkill, in the final.

Woodley's inclusion at next year's event was confirmed swiftly by Jimmy Davidson, the World Indoor Bowls Council secretary, but it will meet some opposition. Some players on the fringe of qualifying for the men's event may fear being the player left out to make room for Woodley.

The men's world championship, first played in Coatbridge in 1979, has developed into a highly successful and lucrative event. At Preston last month, Andy Thomson came through to win a £25,000 first prize and the event generated more than 30 hours television coverage.

The women's event, by comparison, is still finding its feet. Last weekend, for example, 16 women were under the impression they were playing for nothing more than pride and prestige. They did not know that a place in the men's world championship was at stake.



Woodley: challenge

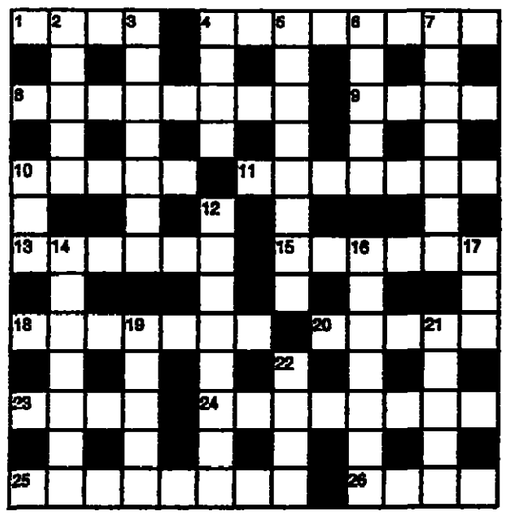


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4 Rudely put down (4)
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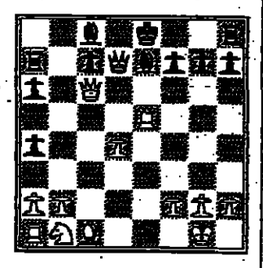
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By Raymond Keene

Today's position is from the game Nataf - Verat, Paris 1993.

Here White takes the opportunity to win material with a neat tactic. How does he manage this?



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By Philip Howard

HECKELPHONE
a. Bad telephone manners
b. A baritone oboe
c. A strident voice

KORFBALL
a. Dutch basketball
b. A sugar lump dunked in coffee
c. A dumpling

MOOMBA
a. An erotic dance
b. Money
c. An Australian carnival

ARAPONGA
a. A Mexican language
b. The bell-bird
c. A jungle machete

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